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To the Right Honourable
John Lord Sommers,
Baron of *Evesham.*

My LORD,



Cannot give a greater Proof of my Zeal for Antiquity, than by the Ambition I have of putting its chief Heroes under Your Lordship's Protection. I am sensible I can plead

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no Right to it, but what is founded upon their Merit; and have nothing to palliate my Presumption to Your Lordship, but a Pretence of doing Justice to them. So that I dare insist upon Your Lordship's Patronage no otherwise, than as it will be a Reward paid to the Memory of their Virtues, which can never receive its due Lustre, but from Men of the same generous Principles. It was a noble Vigour, with which they were animated against the first Disturbers of Mankind; and it is That makes them naturally have Recourse to those, who have so gloriously exerted themselves in securing the Liberties

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erties of *Europe*. How great a Part Your Lordship bears in that Work, is allow'd by all but Your Self, who are equally industrious to merit Applause, and to avoid it.

To interest Your Self in Affairs of the last Importance with so much Zeal, and Assiduity, and yet to effect them with so much Calmness, and Serenity, to do Good without any Prospect, but that of the Pleasure arising from the Consequence, and to promote the Service of Your Country, even by seeming to decline it, as they are Qualities the best of Patriots have ever affected, so are they in none more conspicuous than in Your Lordship.

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My Lord, It is not easie to resist the Temptation of indulging my self upon this Subject; especially where I am secur'd as well from the Imputation, as the Guilt of Flattery. For none can be so hardy as to dispute Your Lordship's Merit, without denying those very Blessings they enjoy, as the Result of it. But in regard to the Uneasiness I should give Your Lordship, and indeed to the Injustice I should do You by pursuing so unequal a Task, I am forc'd to leave it as a Happiness reserv'd for those, who shall hereafter be engag'd in the most Ornamental Part of the *English* History.

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I would urge one Title more to Your Lordship's Acceptance of these Papers, by considering *Greece* as the Mother of Arts and Literature ; that whilst the Reader beholds Science display'd in its Infancy, Your Lordship's Name may at the same time give him a more expressive Idea of it in its full Maturity. There are so many Instances of Your Lordship's Improvements in that kind, that the only Dispute is, whether you have contributed more to it by Your Encouragement, or Example. Such Extent, and Variety of Learning, such Strength of Reasoning, and Delicacy of Taste, and such an Universal Politeness,

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ness, with which Your Lordship has always temper'd Your more severe, and weighty Enquiries, have compleated Your Lordship's Character, and render'd You no less the Ornament, than the Support of Your Country. I am,

My LORD,

Your Lordship's

most Obedient

Humble Servant,

TEMPLE STANYAN.

PREFACE.

THE Affairs of Greece have lain under such a general Suspicion, that I think I ought not to publish any Account of them, without premising something concerning the Truth in History. It is this Plato calls the Property of it, and Cicero its chief Law, and distinguishing Character: And it was in regard to this, that I was deterr'd at my first Entrance upon the Grecian Story, especially when I found the Ancients themselves so confounded, that few of them dated it from the same Period. Some affirm there was no History of Greece before Phoroneus the Son of Inachus: And others fix the Attick Æra at the Flood of Ogyges, which happen'd about the same time. Plutarch makes an Excuse for beginning so high as Theseus: Dionysius Halicarnassæus says there was nothing certain before the Trojan War; and Ephorus the Cumæan, Callisthenes, and Theopompus dated their Histories eighty Years lower, from the Return of the Heraclidæ.

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clidæ. Varro calls the Beginning of the Olympiads the Historical Times: Pliny gives little Credit to all that is writ of Greece before the Reign of Cyrus, which began in the fifty fifth Olympiad; and others place the most ancient Historians but a little before the Descent of the Persian.

*It is not to be imagin'd, that the Grecians had for so long a Tract of Time receiv'd no Footsteps of the former Ages; the Dispute is, at what time they came to be so plain, that they might trace them with Ease, and tread in them with Safety. If we enquire a little into the Origine of History, we shall find the innate Desire of Glory put Men upon finding out ways to Transmit their Names to Posterity even before the Invention of Letters. They left their Images as an Inheritance to their Sons; their most remarkable Atchievements were sign'd by Hieroglyphicks, or painted and engrav'd on their Walls; and their Songs, tho' very rude, and ill-modell'd, preserv'd the Memory of their great Captains, and were fresh Incentives to their Posterity. When Writing was in Use, they erected Stones with Inscriptions on them: And Eusebius says, that Hermes Trismegistus wrote his Doctrine on Pillars, least upon the Inundation of the Nile it should be lost. It must be own'd it was very late before Letters were receiv'd in Greece;
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and even after that, there was not the same Care taken, as in other Nations, to apply the Use of them to History. The Ægyptians, who pretended to the greatest Improvements, as well in this, as in other Parts of Learning, committed the Care of their publick Memoirs to their Colleges of Priests: Tet as an Instance of the general Defect in the History of the first Ages, they could not even in Herodotus's time give any certain Account of the building their Pyramids, nor of their great Monarch Sesostris. The Persian Historians were the Magi, the most considerable among them both for Knowledge and Station: And in Rome the Pontiffs had the Charge of making their Annals. So that the Grecians were the only People of Note, who were careless in this respect, and for many Ages follow'd only their first Guide, Tradition. It was this made them attribute such immoderate things to Antiquity, that where any Man excell'd in Virtue or Power, he was in Process of Time elevated into a Deity; the Distance of Time magnifying things almost in the same Proportion, as the Distance of Place lessens them. And whatever these Traditional Stories were, they were still aggravated by the Poets, who were undoubtedly their first Historians. Hence it was, that their History became so vitiated by so many Different and Monstrous

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strous Relations of their Gods and Heroes ; and this is the chief Foundation of all the Fables of Antiquity. Lactantius observes that the Poets writ the Truth, tho' they disguis'd it ; but the Veil was so thick, that it could never be perfectly thrown off : And therefore the dark and confused Accounts we have of the first Ages, seem like Inscriptions upon ancient Medals half defaced, where the defective Part is to be supply'd by Guess from the remaining Characters.

*But notwithstanding the Spirit of Romance, which runs through the Grecian Story, one may venture to say of the first Grecians, what Monsieur de St. Evremond does of the Romans, that They had so many real Excellencies to be admir'd for, that there was no need of having Recourse to Fables. I make no question, but there were such Men as Hercules, Theseus, and many others, whose Stories are handed down to us ; that they did many of the Acts, which are ascribed to them : And one Reason why Men doubt of their Atchievements, may be, because they would not imitate them. For it is a Natural Observation of Salust, that we are too apt to take our Dimensions of others from our own Standard, and conceive every thing feign'd, which exceeds our own Power. But what I say of these first Heroes, I would have understood only of the
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modest Part of their Characters; for some things ascrib'd to them, are too gross to bear any Colour of Probability. What I have endeavour'd in this short Survey, has been to purge them, as much as possible, from the fabulous Aspersions of the Poets, who by advancing them so far above the Standard of Humanity, have brought their real Merit in question, and eclips'd those Virtues they intended to adorn. If they still seem to act too much above the Condition of Men, I may be allow'd to appeal in their behalf to a later Race of Heroes: And indeed it is not the least part of their Vindication, that we see the Wonders of past Ages so gloriously attested by those of the present. I dare not from hence take Occasion to enter into a thorough Defence of Antiquity: I know it would require a much abler Advocate; and I am sensible how far it has already suffer'd in my following Account of it. I can only pretend to have been cautious in affirming any thing, where I doubted my Authority: And tho' among the several Opinions of Authors I have mark'd out what seem'd to me the most probable, yet there is still Room left for the Reader to pass his own Judgment.

Here it may not be improper to say something of the chief Authors, from whom this History is collected, in order to shew how

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far we may depend upon its Credibility. The first from whom we receive any tolerable Light into the Grecian Affairs, is Herodotus, who is stiled the Father of History, either because he was the first who reduc'd it into any thing of Form, or at least the first whose Writings in that kind have been preserv'd. His Stile is so easie, smooth, and elegant, and his Matter so entertaining, that for this Reason his Books bear the Names of the Nine Muses. His chief Care was to please rather than instruct; and therefore instead of the Wars between the Grecians and Barbarians, which he promises to treat of, he entertains you with a Collection of Antiquities, which he delivers upon the Credit of the Egyptian Priests, and gives you a Narrative of all he knows. So that half his Book is Digression and Parenthesis: And in this Liberty he has been too faithfully imitated by his Successors, many of whose Works are such perfect Grotesques, that in perusing them you often lose the principal Design. The heaviest Charge against him is his Fabulousness, and Credulity. But they seem not to be acquainted with his Design, who blame him for want of Truth: He was so far from being a severe Historian, that he endeavour'd only, as the former Poets, to confine himself within the Rules of Probability. Poetry was then
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at the Height; the Drama was carry'd high by Æschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides, the Dithyrambick by Pindar, and the Heroick by Homer: Herodotus sought out a new Glory, and diverted the Grecians with Prose, or rather, as Quintilian says, with more secret Numbers.

Thucydides soon gave another Turn to History, and at once reform'd, and perfect-ed it. He declares he was apprehensive his History would not please the present Age for want of Fables: But yet he chose rather to satisfy the Judgment of Posterity, and by that means gain'd to his Work the Title he desir'd of an Everlasting Possession. His Stile is grave, masculine, and noble, his Expression close and sententious, his Reasoning strong and profound, always just and to the Purpose. He has many other Beauties which are fully and handsomly describ'd by Monsieur Rapin, and others, who have consider'd him as the compleatest Model of the Grecian History. But I must not dismiss his Character, without taking Notice of that which occasion'd my mentioning him, his Virtue and Sincerity. He adher'd so constantly and obstinately to the Truth, that if he had not told you he was an Athenian, you could never discover it by his writing; much less would you imagine, that he was engag'd in many of the Expeditions he de-
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scribes, since he industriously omits all the fairest Opportunities of extolling himself and his Country, for fear it should look like Passion and Disguise. If any thing gives a turn of Romance to his History, it is his set Speeches, which perhaps may appear too regular to be deliver'd in the Heat of Action, or upon any sudden Emergencies. But they are so admirably suited to the Occasion, and have such an agreeable Mixture of Oratory, and good Sense, that we may easily pardon that as a Blemish in him, which in others would have been look'd upon as their greatest Beauty. There shines throughout the other Parts of his Work such an Air of Justice, Candor, and Disinterestedness, that perhaps no Heathen Writer ever equall'd him: And the only thing to be wish'd for more than what he has perform'd, is, that he had taken in a larger Compass of Time.

His Loss was in a great measure repair'd by Xenophon, who continu'd his History in so pure and easie, so sweet and unaffected a Style, that from thence he obtain'd the Name of the Attick Bee. The Admirers of the Sublime charge him with being too much upon the Level: But it was his great Artifice to speak properly, and yet not vulgarly; wherein he resembles a clear and gentle Stream, which can hardly be perceiv'd to flow, and yet never stagnates. He was a perfect

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perfect Master of Nature, and understood the secret Graces of Simplicity; which as it stole insensibly upon his Readers, so it made his Narrative appear more sincere and impartial. In short, he was the only Grecian, who knew how to support the Dignity of History with the Plainness of Expression.

Diodorus Siculus is to be valu'd for his laborious Collections; and tho' he takes in too many of the Fables of his Predecessors, and adheres too much to the Traditions of the Egyptian Priests, he serves very well to supply, and compare with others. Monsieur de la Mothe le Vayer had such an Opinion of him, that he declares, He would freely travel to the End of the World, if he were sure of finding that Part of him which is lost, and envies Posterity the bare Probability of recovering so great a Treasure. Plutarch has also presented us with many rich and uncommon Gleanings from the Ancients; he has drawn his Heroes in their full Proportion, and in their Lives compris'd the History of the most remarkable Occurrences. He is generally cautious and impartial; but as he was a great Collector, he is not always consistent and of a Piece, either as to Matter, or Stile. Besides one may too easily discover the old Man in him; he loves a Story, tho' never so foreign to his
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Subject; he tells it with too many Circumstances, and with too great an Air of Superstition. I have always thought he would make an excellent Abridgment: For where he speaks to the purpose, few speak better; and he has scarce been equal'd in the Justness of his Characters, and the Wisdom of his Reflections. It is not the least part of his Merit, that he has preserv'd so many Sayings of the greatest Men; and I have been cautious of omitting any that were material, because, as he says himself, A Jest, or an Apothegm often shews a Man more than a Battel. The Lives of Nepos deserve Mention in this Catalogue: But they seem to be only Characters drawn from his general History, and are too short to give us any thorough Image of Antiquity. And in this respect Justin's Abridgement of Trogus Pompeius serves chiefly to make us regret the Loss of the Original.

To these Authors I have added the Assistance of our Countrymen, Sir Walter Raleigh, Dr. Howel, and the learned Sir John Marsham, who in his Canon Chronicus has taken a great deal of Pains to reconcile the different Æra's of the first Ages. And among the Moderns, I am particularly oblig'd to Monsieur Turreil, who in his Preface before some of Demosthenes's Orations, has laid out an admirable Plan of Greece; where-

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wherein, as far as the Compass of his Design would permit, he has distinguish'd the most remarkable Periods, discover'd the Genius, and unravell'd the Interests of the several States, and trac'd out the Steps, by which they arriv'd to their Turns of Superiority.

Having mention'd the chief Materials, of which this History is compos'd, it may be necessary to shew in what manner I have digested them. As to the Method I have made use of, I could not meet with any more clear and easie, than that laid down in the English Collection of the Roman History; which I have therefore follow'd in my Division of Books, Chapters, Sections, and whatever else the Subject would admit of. But as the Affairs of Greece and Rome were very different, so they could not be related altogether after the same manner. Rome you see at one View, as well in its Progress, as its Rise. For tho' in Process of Time she branch'd out into so many Colonies, they were all Subject to her as their Head; thence they receiv'd their Laws as they were conquer'd; and they were always one intire united People. Which makes their Affairs admit of a more clear and even Thread of History, than those of the Grecians; who, besides that they had to do with most Parts of the then known World, were
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among themselves so many distinct Republicks, almost wholly independent one of another, differing in their Laws, and Customs, jealous of each others Superiority, and consequently always jarring in their Interests, unless when meer Necessity oblig'd them to unite against a common Enemy. So that in this respect, one may say of them, as Florus did of the Romans, that Theirs is not the History of one People, but of Mankind. 'Tis true the several States of Greece agreed in the main as to the one thing they contended for, which was Liberty; but they had most of them different ways to obtain, and preserve it: And hence proceeds such a Variety, and Intricacy in their Affairs, that it is no easie Task to marshal so many Events in due Order of Time, and Place, and out of them to collect an intire unbroken Body of History. This is what I thought my self oblig'd to say in my own Vindication; tho' it is without the least thoughts of derogating from the Merit of the Roman History, which is sufficiently establish'd both as to the Usefulness of the Design, and the Exactness of the Performance.

As to what further relates to this Undertaking, the Reader will find Greece consider'd under two States: It is first divided into Kingdoms, the principal of which are treated of separately in the first Book, and
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carry'd down to the Abolition of the Regal Power. The second Book considers it as form'd into settled Common-wealths, and relates its Affairs in a more united Manner. To do this with the less Confusion, I have observ'd a Rule of referring the chief Transactions to Athens as the Head, and mentioning the other States only as they had Dependance on it. For this reason I must own a Liberty I have taken in the first Book of placing the Kingdom of Athens last, that there might be no thorough Interruption in the Story. Yet tho' I have been particularly cautious of perplexing the Reader by too many different Views, I have not neglected the use of Chronology: In which I have chiefly follow'd the Authority of Arch-Bishop Usher. Astronomical Niceties cannot be expected, where a general Knowledge of the Time is sufficient; and if I have sometimes made use of a round Number, either as to Years, Men, Ships, or the like, I hope it may be allow'd in Cases of the most remote Antiquity, especially where the Difference in Historians is so great, that it is impossible to arrive at any Exactness. I have all along intermix'd as much of the Antiquities, as I thought necessary to illustrate the Story. And as I found my self oblig'd to say something of Arts and Learning, in writing of a Country wherein they were suppos'd

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pos'd to have receiv'd their Birth, I have assign'd the general Periods of Poetry, and Philosophy, and mention'd the greatest Proficients in them, with a short Account of their Persons and Writings. As this was intended only for an Abridgment of the Grecian Story, I have endeavour'd to reduce the whole into as narrow a Compass as possible; and notwithstanding the great Variety of Matter, I hope I have omitted nothing material.

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BOOK I.

The INTRODUCTION.

*Of the Original of GREECE, and
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I. **A**S there has been a constant Dispute
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gyptians, Scythians, and others, who were resol-
ved not to be outdone by their Neighbours,
fancied themselves the first Race of Mankind,
and that they were of equal Duration with the
World. Nor can we exempt the *Grecians* from
their Share in this common Vanity; the *Athe-*

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nians particularly gave out, That they were produc'd at the same Time with the *Sun*, and out of the same *Soil* that they inhabited. However Pride and Emulation might contribute to this Opinion, it might probably take its Rise from the want of Letters, and Civil Government in the first Ages of the World; and as from thence the Original of most Nations became obscure, so consequently must the most plausible Accounts we have of them, be very precarious. *Greece* we find in a more particular manner labouring under these Difficulties: For she underwent a long Infancy, and tho' she often exerted her self, and signaliz'd it by some generous Exploits; yet the Fame of them being deliver'd down to Posterity, either by uncertain Tradition, or rude imperfect Memoirs, gave occasion to their Historians, as well as Poets in succeeding Ages, to make up in Fiction, what they wanted in authentick Records. This is a short Account of that which we call the *Fabulous Age*; and tho' we find it sufficiently clouded with Error and Superstition, yet there are still some scatter'd Intervals of Light, which must serve to direct us in our Inquiry into the Birth of a People, who have made so glorious a Figure in the World, as the *Grecians*. Upon the whole, we may with safety allot them a Place in Antiquity, but must not give them the Precedency, since it is allow'd by their own Historians, that they were Instructed, and Civiliz'd by Colonies planted among them from *Phenicia*, and *Aegypt*; the first of which taught them Navigation, Trade, and the Use of Letters, and the latter polish'd them by her Laws, gave them a taste of

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of the Arts and Sciences, initiated them in her Mysteries, and in a Word gave them Kings and Gods.

II. But before we treat of their Affairs, it will be necessary to take a View of that Part of the World, which went under the general Name of *Greece*. As to the Name it self, the *Grecians* were so call'd either from a petty Borough, or *Græcus* a very obscure King, whose Subjects were thought to be originally Inhabitants of *Thessaly*; and therefore some of the ancient Authors confine *Greece* properly so called, to that Country. This was an ancient known Name among them; and the *Romans* paid that just Respect to their Antiquity, as to call them by no other; but they soon quitted it themselves for that of *Hellenes* or *Achai*, tho' one would wonder that a People so fond of Antiquity, should so easily part with the most eminent Mark of it. But it seems it was a Compliment several of their Kings expected from them, so that they chang'd their Names almost as often as their Masters.

But since, through a mixture of Pride and Ignorance, they seem to have corrupted the Names of their *Founders*, and by that means to have disguis'd their true *Origine*, we must have Recourse to the more ancient and undoubted Records of *Scripture*.

That *Greece* was first inhabited by the Sons of *Noah*, as other Countries were, is a thing out of dispute, but by whose immediate Posterity, is not so generally allow'd. The Posterity of *Japheth* took Possession of the *Isles of the Gentiles*, which, according to the *Hebrew Idiom*,

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comprehended not only such as were properly so call'd, but all those Countries which lay towards the Sea at any distance from *Palestine*, especially between the *Ocean* and *Mediterranean Sea*; and so both *Greece* and *Italy* might come under this Denomination. His Son *Javan* seems most probable to have peopled *Greece*, from the exact Analogy he bears with the *Grecian Ion*. *Javan* is the Scripture Word for *Greece*; and it is observable, that tho' among the *Grecians* themselves the *Ionians* were but a Part of *Greece*, yet other Nations comprehended all under the Name of *Ionians*. The Memory also of his Son *Elisha* seems to have been preserv'd under the Name of the *Æoles*, or rather *Elis* of *Peloponnesus*, one part of which by *Homer* is call'd *Alisium*; and some from hence derive the *Hellenes*.

Whatever Colour these Opinions carry with them, they are not so unexceptionable, but that we may give the *Grecians* leave to tell their own Story. And of them the most Judicious and Inquisitive allow their Country was first inhabited by a barbarous People, different from them both in Language and Manners. *Strabo* has given us a large Catalogue of the *Dryopes*, *Caucones*, *Leleges*, *Aones*, and many others: But these seem not to have been that ancient People, but some later Outcasts of the *Carians*, who made frequent Inroads into *Greece*. So that the most noted, and of the greatest Extent and Antiquity, were the *Pelasgi*, whose first or chief Place of Residence was *Arcadia*; from whence the *Arcadians* challeng'd to themselves their Founder *Pelasgus*, and from him deriv'd their Claim to an higher

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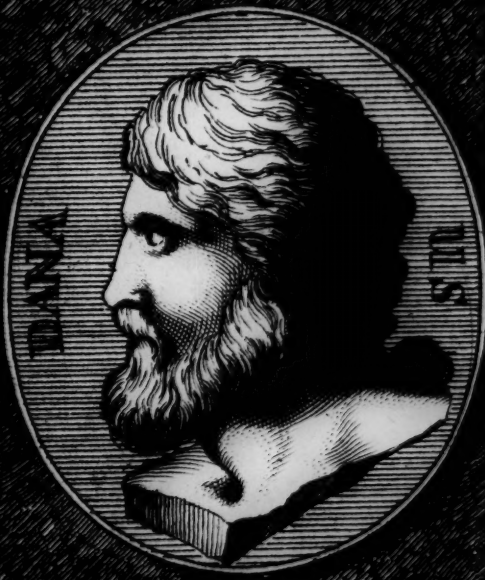
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er Antiquity than their Neighbours. He pass'd with them for an *Autochthon*, or *Son of the Earth*, as the *Grecians* generally call'd those of whom they could give no better Account. But as by this they betray'd their Ignorance of his Original, so they leave room for an Opinion insisted on by very learned Men, that by *Pelasmus* was meant *Peleg*, or *Phaleg*: Which looks like more than a probable Conjecture, if we allow what is generally asserted, that *Greece*, and indeed most other Nations of *Europe*, were peopled out of *Scythia*; from whence the Posterity of *Phaleg* making their Way through *Thrace*, and *Theffaly*, which were already taken up by the Sons of *Elisha* and others, might fix some in *Epirus*, some in *Hellas*, and the greatest part in *Peloponnesus*, where they found the most empty and convenient Habitation. For it is but reasonable to suppose that the Places towards the Sea were the last peopled, first from the want of the Conveniency of Navigation; and afterwards, when that was establish'd, for fear of Pirates, who continually infested their Coasts. This Descent of the Posterity of *Phaleg* receives further Confirmation from the near Affinity between the *Hebrew* Language and the ancient *Greek*, which is almost universally allow'd to be of *Eastern Exraction*. Nor can we more plausibly account for the many *Dialects*, into which the *Greek* was distinguish'd, than by its Mixture with other Languages: And in the *Dorick Dialect* we have a plain Instance of the broad Pronunciation so peculiar to the *Oriental Tongues*. There are also the same Footsteps of the *Eastern Languages* to be met with in the Out-skirts of *Greece*, particu-

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Affinity between the Grecian and Eastern Languages.

larly in *Crete* and other Islands, whither this People naturally betook themselves, as they were expell'd *Peloponnesus* and the *Continent*. Whoever these People were, we have no Account of them but under the Name of the *Pelasgi*; from whom *Peloponnesus* had the Name of *Pelasgia*. After they had dispersed themselves throughout all *Greece*, they arriv'd in *Italy*; where they pass'd for the same with the *Tyrrheni*, and as such were conceiv'd to be the Original Founders of *Rome*. As they were a scatter'd, wand'ring People, never thoroughly settled, or incorporated with the other *Grecians*, they were forc'd to give way to *Hellen*, who was generally reputed the Son of *Deucalion*, tho' some say of *Prometheus* and *Clymene*, and others of *Ion*. He reign'd in *Thessaly* some time after the *Deucalionian Deluge*, and being seated almost in the Heart of *Greece*, and he with his Sons bearing a great Sway in those Parts, maintain'd a Correspondence with the neighbouring Cities, 'till by degrees they expell'd the last Remains of the *Pelasgi*: And from thence it was that he impos'd one Name, calling the Country after himself *Hellas*, which was afterwards call'd *Phthiotis*, and the People *Hellenes*. This Name, tho' in Process of time it was transferr'd to signify the whole Nation with its Colonies, at first reach'd no farther than his own Dominions. For there were other Kings as zealous as *Hellen* in propagating their Names, in hopes it might prove a considerable Step towards the *universal Monarchy* of *Greece*. And this may account for the Variety of Names we find, especially among the Poets, who us'd them promiscuously to express the Nation





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Nation in general. The most noted among them were *Achai*, *Argivi*, *Danai*, *Dolopes*, *Hellenes*, *Iones*, *Myrmidones*, and *Pelasgi*, which were particular Parts of *Greece*, so call'd from their respective Kings, or Founders. But as the *Grecians* did nothing very considerable, either at home or abroad, before the *Trojan War*, it was that first began to unite them under one common Name, and Interest: Neither did they presume 'till after that to call the rest of the World *Barbarians*; that is, 'till they had one establish'd Name, and Nation to oppose to them.

III. The Country which they anciently and properly inhabited was *Hellas*, or *Greece* properly so call'd, being the *Eastern Part* of *Europe*, bounded chiefly by two Seas, the *Ionian* on the *West* and *South*, and the *Ægean* on the *East*, which parts them from *Asia*. On the *North* was *Macedonia*, *Illyricum*, and *Epirus*; both which latter had a mixt Dependance on the *Grecians*, and *Barbarians*. It was divided by the *Isthmus*, a narrow Neck of Land between the two Seas; the largest Part being without the *Isthmus* to the *North*, and the lesser within it to the *South*; which being surrounded every where by the Sea, except the *Isthmus*, made it a *Peninsula*, and from *Pelops*, who reign'd there, was call'd *Peloponnesus*. To these Parts we may add the Multitude of Islands, which lye dispersed in these Seas: Of which the most remarkable is *Crete*, both for Fame and Extent. The next are *Eubœa*, *Corcyra*, *Cephalenia*, and *Zacynthus*, with many others of less Note. These Parts were also subdivided

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into less Countries, in the nature of Provinces: The most noted of which in the flourishing Times of Greece were *Thessaly*, *Locri Epicnemidii*, *Opuntii*, and *Ozola*, the latter of which lying more Westward, is also distinguish'd by the Name of *Locri Hesperii*, *Boeotia*, *Attica*, *Megaris*, *Phocis*, *Æolia*, *Acarnania*, and *Doris*; all without the *Isthmus*. Within the *Isthmus* were *Achaia*, *Elis*, *Messenia*, *Laconia*, *Argolis*, and *Arcadia*, all comprehended under the general Name of *Peloponnesus*.

These were the native fix'd Seats of the *Grecians*, 'till increasing in Power, and press'd with Numbers, they threw themselves out in Colonies, and so enlarg'd their Territories. By these means they got Possession as well of the remoter Parts, as those which border'd upon them, especially the Sea-Coasts of *Macedonia*, *Thrace*, *Illyricum* and *Epirus*; as also of *Sicily*, the largest Island in *Europe* next our own, with the *Southern* Part of *Italy*; both which from the many Colonies planted there went under the Name of *Magna Græcia*. As for *Macedonia* in general, we are not yet to consider it as a Part of *Greece*, 'till by a large Accession of Territory it grew formidable to the most remote and powerful States of *Greece*; and from thence laid the Foundation of that Sovereignty it soon after assum'd under the Title of the *Third Monarchy*. They had also in the *Lesser Asia*, *Pontus*, *Bithynia*, *Phrygia*, *Lydia*, *Caria*, *Lycia*, *Pamphylia*, and the Island *Cyprus*. To these we may add several famous Islands belonging to *Asia*, as *Lesbos*, *Chios*, *Samos*, *Cos*, *Carpathus* and *Rhodes*, with *Lemnos* near *Thrace* in the *Ægean Sea*. But these and other less Colonies

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Colonies we shall have occasion to mention more particularly, as they fall in with the Body of the Story. It may suffice in general, that they got footing in most parts of the old known World; and where-ever they planted their Colonies, they generally propagated by them their Race, Religion, Laws, Customs, and Language.

IV. We have no particular Account of the State of *Greece* before the Foundation of her *Royalties*; nor indeed can we expect any thing worth our Notice from a People who were at that time rude and unpolish'd even to Barbarity. For it is certain they were unacquainted with Agriculture, Building, and all the earliest and most natural Inventions of providing for the common Necessaries of Life, having no Law but Force, and grazing like Beasts in the open Air. So that to give them the least Tincture of Humanity, was sufficient to gain from them the Title of King, or God; witness the Divine Honours they paid to their *Pelasgus*, who built them a sort of Cottages to fence them from the Inclemency of the Air, clothed them with the Skins of Beasts, and taught them to feed on Acorns, as a more wholesome Nourishment than that of Herbs. This new Diet, whatever other good Effects it might have, wrought no great Change in their Manners; so that *Greece* was not for several Ages after inhabited in any constant settled way. They were still the same lawless Rout, continually roving and removing from one Place to another; and such as were not content with their own Fortune, were easily tempted to invade their

their Neighbours. In this general Contest the richest Countries fell to the strongest: But as the Conquest was easie, so the Possession was short, they being soon succeeded by others upon the same Title. For this Reason *Theffaly*, and *Peloponnesus*, and indeed all the fertile Regions of *Greece*, chang'd their Masters every Year, with a great Part of their Inhabitants. The Country which was least molested upon these Accounts, was *Attica*; and it is imputed chiefly to the Barrenness of its Soil. For there being nothing worth contending for, the Inhabitants were continu'd quietly in a long and regular Descent; and this gave the *Athenians* the best Title to Antiquity, or at least the best Proofs of it. But the greatest Advantage was, that it made them exert themselves sooner than their Neighbours; it quicken'd their Inventions, dispos'd them to a more easie Reception of Arts and Literature, when they got footing among them, and in a manner laid the Foundation of all that Grandeur, to which they afterwards arriv'd.

But to return to *Greece* in general, the other Parts of it were over-run with Spoil and Rapine. The continual Fear of being displac'd made them live as it were by Chance, without any further Prospect than their present Subsistence; and so cramp'd their Industry in general, that we find nothing of the Arts and Sciences at that time among them, no Trade or Commerce, or any other happy Effects of Peace and Security. They at last grew sensible of the Necessity there was of Civil Society, as a Means to secure them from Violence and Oppression. This put them upon improving

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ving their Notions of Building; so that their Houses increasing in Number as well as Beauty, grew insensibly into *Boroughs*, and they some time after into *Cities*. But neither could this Advantage of Cohabitation throughly tame and soften their Tempers; that being a peculiar Honour reserv'd (as was hinted before) for *Ægypt* and *Phenicia*.

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B O O K I.

The State of the several Kingdoms of Greece, from the Foundation of the Kingdom of Sicyon, to the last Remains of Regal Power in Athens.

Containing the Space of 1571 Years.

C H A P. I.

The Kingdom of Sicyon.

Containing the Space of about 1000 Years.

I. **T**HE first Kingdom we find mention'd *Sicyon the*
in *Greece*, is that of *Sicyon*, a Town *first King-*
situate in *Peloponnesus*, near the *Isth-* *dom.*
mus in the Confines of *Achaia*, said to be built
within a little time after the *Universal Deluge*.
Which as it is the most ancient of any in *Europe*,
and some say in the World, not allowing even
the *Assyrian* or *Egyptian* Kingdoms to have
preceded it, we must therefore content our selves
with a very slender Account of it; especially
since we have almost as much reason to dispute,
as to assert its real Existence. Here, they say,
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Ægialeus. ly the City with its Territory, but some say
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Apis. *Apia*, and from *Sicyon*, *Sicyonia*. Authors are
Sicyon. so far from Recording any other memorable
 Actions of the Kings of *Sicyon*, or assigning the
 just Length of their Reigns, that they cannot
 agree as to their Number, Order, or Names.
 For *Homer* seems to make *Adrastus* the first
 King; and tho' *Zenxippus* is usually plac'd as
 the last, yet *Pausanias* reckons *Hippolitus*, and
Lacestades after him, and in his Catalogue omits
Polyphides. And some who reckon *Sicyon* a-
 mong the ancient Kingdoms, yet bring the
 Foundation of it below that of *Argos*. Upon
 which Uncertainties every thing that is Re-
 corded of it becomes liable to Exception; in-
 somuch that the most accurate Inquirers into
 the first Ages, strike off the whole Succession of
 these Kings for the Space of near a thousand Years,
 leaving them no place in Antiquity. But mak-
 ing some Allowances for such a vast Distance of
 Time, and the want of Records; and supposing
Sicyon to be peopl'd so early, as from the Fruit-
 fulness and Conveniency of its Situation we may
 reasonably conclude it was, and we may yet
 believe She had her Kings, that being the Go-
 vernment which obtain'd in most Countries, as
 they came to be inhabited, after the Flood.

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II. We can only observe of the first Kings
 of *Greece* in general, that they are represented
 as Persons of great Worth and Renown, who
 for their Courage, Prudence and other Virtues,
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were chosen by the free and universal Consent of the People. There seems by their long and quiet Reigns to have been a perfect good Understanding between Prince and People; who as they yielded an intire and voluntary Obedience, so the Kings chose to Command rather by Love, and Esteem of their Merit, than by the Force of their Arms, and a slavish Dread of their Power. In all their Actions they prefer'd the Good of their Subjects, for whose Protection they knew and acknowledg'd themselves to have been advanc'd, before any covetous or ambitious Designs of their own; and the People plac'd such a Confidence in the Equity of their Prince, that *Greece* had not for several Ages, after it was a little Civiliz'd, any standing Laws, but the indefinite Will and Sentence of its Kings. But this Harmony being destroy'd in succeeding Ages by Policy, Interest and Thirst of Empire, the People, as Opportunity offer'd, resum'd the Power into their own Hands; and this gave Rise to more different Forms of Government in *Greece*, than in any other Parts, or perhaps in the whole World besides.

But to return to *Sicyon*, it is certain that Kingdom never made any mighty Figure in this long tract of Time, and that may be the chief Reason of its Obscurity. Thus it lyes involv'd in the Fate of several other petty Royalties, which never contended for Superiority with the leading States of *Greece*; so that were it not for some of their Princes Names, which are rescu'd from Oblivion by the Poets, we should never know there had been any such Kingdoms in the World. Upon the Death of the last King of *Sicyon*, the Government was devolv'd upon the
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Sicyon govern'd by the Priests of Apollo. Annex'd to Argos.

Priests of *Apollo*, seven of which held it about thirty three Years, 'till by degrees this little Kingdom sunk under the Power of its Neighbours, and was annex'd to the Dominions of *Argos*.

C H A P. II.

*The Kingdoms of Argos and Mycenæ.
Containing the Space of about 800 Years.*

I. **H**ERE we have somewhat of a Light to direct us, tho' it breaks in so gradually, that it serves chiefly to discover our want of more, and rather to raise our Curiosity than to satisfy it. The Kingdom of *Argos* has an undoubted Claim to the second Place in Antiquity, if not the first; and what it wanted of *Sicyon* in Years, is sufficiently made up in Riches, Fame and Power; insomuch that this City was thought to vie with the whole World for Splendor and Magnificence. The Foundation of this Kingdom is generally ascribed to *Inachus* about the 2148th Year of the **A. M.** World, 232 after that of *Sicyon*, and 1080 before the Beginning of the *Olympiads*. After a **2148.** Reign of fifty Years he was succeeded by his **Inachus.** Son *Phoroneus*. But others more accurate, as they exclude *Sicyon*, so they speak of *Inachus* as a River only of that Name, and begin their **Phoroneus.** Account of the *Grecian* Affairs from *Phoroneus*, who therefore is thought by those who had no better

better account of things, to be the first Man, and is called the *Father of Mankind*. At least he is the first who did any thing memorable in *Greece*: For he is said to have built the first Altar to *Juno*; and having begun with Religion, his next Care was to unite his Subjects into a sort of Community, by building the City from him call'd *Phoronicum*, to prescribe them Laws, and bring them from meer Savages to somewhat of a more civiliz'd way of Living. The *Telchines*, and *Caryata* a People that inhabited *Arcadia*, join'd in War against him, and the *Parrhasians* another Part of *Arcadia*, but were conquer'd and drove into *Crete*, and from thence to *Rhodes*, which from them had the Name of *Telchinis*; and thence *Phoroneus* obtain'd the Dominion of the whole *Peninsula*, and after a Reign of sixty Years left the Kingdom to his Son *Apis*. There were three of this Name, one of *Sicyon*, another of *Aegypt*, and this of *Argos*, whom the *Mythologists* confound, by attributing to all what was done by one, which is usual among the *Grecians* in the Case of their Gods and Heroes. This might give grounds to the Story of his going into *Aegypt*, where he built the City *Memphis*, taught the People Tillage, and was after his Death worship'd as a God in the Shape of an Ox, under the Name of *Serapis* or *Osiris*. But allowing there was such a King of *Argos*, which is not generally assented to, the most probable Account is, That he liv'd and dy'd in *Greece*, commanded the *Peninsula* to be called after his Name, and in the thirty fifth Year of his Reign was kill'd for his Tyranny. *Apis* dying without Issue was succeeded by *Argus*, his Sister *Argus*.

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Niobe's Son, who is confounded with his Great Grand-son of that Name, whom the Poets make all Eyes. His Reign is more remarkable for the Length of it, being seventy Years, than any thing else, except that *Greece* in his time had vast Plenty of Corn, for which he was honoured after his Death with a Temple and Sacri-

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fice; tho' the Art of Tillage is more properly assign'd to *Homogyrus*, who first yoked Oxen in the Plough. He also called the City and *Peninsula* from himself, *Argos*, and his Subjects *Argi*, and *Argioi*. Some fancy his Brother was the *Pelasgus* already mention'd as Founder of the *Pelasgi*, who chiefly inhabited *Arcadia*, and being dispers'd into several Parts of *Greece*, sent Colonies into *Latium*. To him

Criafus.

succeeded his Son *Criafus*, the same whom *Pausanias* calls *Peirasus*, and some *Peranthus*. Others make them distinct Kings, and ascribe to *Peranthus* the building of the first Temple to *Juno* at *Argos*. It is certain there was such a Temple about this time consecrated to *Juno*, and *Callythia* the Daughter of *Peranthus* made Priestess of it; which might occasion the mistake of his being King. This Superstition was continu'd for many Ages; and as all their Affairs, publick and private, were dated from such a Year of the *Priesthood*, it became the standing *Era* of the *Argives*. *Criafus* reign'd fifty four Years, and left the Kingdom to his Son or Brother *Phorbas*.

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There were at this time Contemporary with *Moses* and the *Patriarchs* several famous Men, who open'd a Passage for Science and Humanity, which first dawn'd in the *East*, and now got footing in *Europe*, particularly in those Parts

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Parts of *Greece* towards *Asia* and *Judaea*. Among these we may reckon *Atlas*, the Son of *Japetus* probably the same with *Japheth*, who for his Skill in Astronomy, and Invention of the Globe, was said to bear up the Heavens; and upon the same accounts his Daughters pass'd for Stars, under the Names of the *Pleiades* and *Hyades*. Nor is less Honour due to his Brother *Prometheus*, who was thought to have form'd Men of Clay, and animated them with Fire, which he stole from Heaven, because he was a wise Man, who endeavour'd to reclaim Men from their brutal Ignorance, and teach 'em the use of Reason. And this seems to confirm another part of his Story; where, by the Eagle continually preying upon his Entrails, may be imply'd his deep and painful Enquiries after Knowledge. He is from several concurring Circumstances thought to have been the same with *Magog*.

Phorbas, after thirty five Years, left the Kingdom to his Son *Triopas*, who enjoy'd it forty Triopas: fix Years, and was succeeded by his Son *Jafus*, Jafus. as *Pausanias* will have it, who probably might reign, because the City was from him call'd *Jafos*, and the Citizens *Jafii*. His Daughter was the famous *Io*, whose Story is so bandy'd *Story of Io.* about by the Poets; tho' she is not to be confounded with another of that Name, the reputed Daughter of *Inachus*. *Herodotus* tells her Story most plausibly, that the *Phœnicians*, who first applied themselves to Shipping, as they traded with Goods from *Assyria* and *Ægypt*, came to *Argos* at that time the Metropolis of *Greece*; where the Women flock'd down to their Ships to buy of them. The *Phœnicians*

seiz'd as many as they could of them, and among the rest this *Io* the King's Daughter, and sail'd away with them into *Egypt*; which was resented so heinously, that it was thought the Foundation of all the Quarrels and Enmity, which afterwards broke out between the *Grecians* and *Asiaticks*. To return to *Jasus*, it is more generally agreed that *Crotopus*, his Brother *Agenor's* Son, succeeded his Grand-father *Triopas*, who after twenty one Years left the Kingdom to his Son *Sthenelas*; and he, after eleven more, to his Son *Gelanor*.

Crotopus.

Sthenelas.

Gelanor.

II. In his time there happen'd a Contest between the two Sons of *Belus*, *Egyptus* and *Danaus*; the former of which was King of *Egypt*, and gave his Name to the Country. He would have match'd his fifty Sons to the same number of Daughters of his Brother *Danaus*; which being contrary to the Advice of the Oracle, he refused, and set sail with them first to *Rhodes*, and thence to *Argos*. The Ship was call'd *Pentecontoris*, and is noted as the first of any Bulk that came into *Greece*. At *Argos* he contended with *Gelanor* for the Kingdom, as descended from *Epaphus* Son of the first *Io*. As he was making out his Pretensions to the People, a Wolf happen'd to kill an Ox grazing by the Walls. This Accident was interpreted by the People in favour of *Danaus*, whom as a Stranger they took to signify the Wolf, and thereupon adjudg'd the Kingdom to the *Egyptian*. But *Egyptus*, still jealous of the Increase of his Brother's Power by contracting new Alliances upon his Daughters Marriages, sent his fifty Sons down to *Argos* with

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an Army to force him to comply with his former Demand. The young Men gain'd their Uncle's Consent: But he had secretly provided his Daughters with Daggers, and Instructions to murder their Husbands the first Night. This Attempt of the *Danaides* was look'd upon as one of the most barbarous Exploits of Antiquity: For the only one who escap'd out of this general Massacre, was *Lyncæus* the Husband of *Hypermnēstra*, who was therefore accus'd by her Father, and brought to Judgment, but acquitted. *Danaus* in his Reign built the Tower which went by the Name of *Larissa*; and his Daughters are said to have supplied the City with Water by the Invention of Wells, which they probably brought out of *Ægypt*, where Water was scarce; and this is the most natural Foundation of the Fable, that for their Cruelty to their Husbands they were condemn'd to draw Water in leaky Vessels.

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Danaus, after fifty Years, was succeeded by *Lyncæus*, his Son-in-law. And he, after forty one more, by his Son *Abas*, who reign'd twenty three. *Abas* had two Sons, *Acrisius* and *Prætus*, who being Twins contended for the Kingdom; which *Prætus* first enjoy'd for seventeen Years, and then was expell'd by *Acrisius* into *Lycia*; from whence he return'd with some considerable Force, seiz'd upon *Tyrinthe*, and gave his Brother Battel, wherein they are the first recorded to have us'd Targets. But it not being a decisive Battel, they came to an Accommodation, and divided the Kingdom, so far at least, that *Acrisius* kept Possession of *Argos*, and let his Brother enjoy *Tyrinthe*, and some other Maritime Places. *Acrisius* had one only

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Danae. Daughter nam'd *Danae*, who the Oracle told him should have a Son that would procure his Death.

Account of Oracles. But before we proceed, it may not be amiss to give some Account of these *Oracles*, which made up so considerable a part of the *Grecian Superstition*. They were rank'd among the noblest and most religious kinds of Divination, the Design of them being to settle such an immediate way of Converse with their Gods, as to be able by them not only to explain things intricate and obscure, but also to anticipate the Knowledge of future Events, and that with far greater Certainty than they could hope for from Men, who out of Ignorance and Prejudice must sometimes either conceal, or betray the Truth. So that this became the only safe way of deliberating upon Affairs of any Consequence, either publick or private. Whether to proclaim War, or conclude a Peace, to institute a new Form of Government, or enact new Laws, all was to be done with the Advice and Approbation of the Oracle, whose Determinations were always held sacred and inviolable. As to the Causes of Oracles, *Jupiter* was look'd upon as the first Cause of this and all other sorts of Divination; he had the Book of Fate before him, and out of that reveal'd either more or less, as he pleas'd, to *inferior Demons*. But to argue more rationally, this way of Access to the Gods has been branded as one of the earliest and grossest pieces of *Priestcraft*, that obtain'd in the World. For the Priests, whose Dependance was on the Oracles, when they found the Cheat had got sufficient footing, allow'd no Man to consult the Gods without





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without costly Sacrifices and rich Presents to themselves: And as few could bear this Expence, it serv'd to raise their Credit among the common People, by keeping them at an awful distance. And to heighten their Esteem with the better and wealthier Sort, even they were only admitted upon a few stated Days. By which the thing appear'd still more mysterious, and for want of this good Management must quickly have been seen through, and fell to the ground. But whatever juggling there was as to the Religious Part, Oracles had certainly a good Effect as to the Publick, being admirably suited to the Genius of a People, who would join in the most desperate Expedition, and admit of any Change of Government, when they understood by the Oracle it was the irresistible Will of the Gods. This was the Method *Minos*, *Lycurgus*, and all the famous Law-givers took; and indeed they found the People so intirely devoted to this part of Religion, that it was generally the easiest, and sometimes the only way of winning them into a Compliance. And then they took care to have them deliver'd in such ambiguous Terms, as to admit of different Constructions according to the Exigency of the times; so that they were generally interpreted to the Advantage of the State, unless sometimes there happen'd to be Bribery, or Flattery in the Case; as when *Demosthenes* complain'd that the *Pythia* spoke as *Philip* wou'd have her. The most numerous, and of greatest Repute, were the Oracles of *Apollo*, φιλιστι-
ζεν. who in Subordination to *Jupiter* was appointed to preside over, and inspire all sorts of Prophets and Diviners. And amongst these the

Phemonoe
the first
Pythia.

The Dawn
of Poetry.

Delphian challeng'd the first place, not so much in respect of its Antiquity, as its Perspicuity and Certainty; insomuch that the Answers of the *Tripes* came to be us'd proverbially for *clear and infallible Truths*. Here we must not omit the first *Pythia* or Priestess of this famous Oracle, *Phemonoe*, who is plac'd under the Reign of *Acrisius*, and by most recorded as the first who clothed the Answers of the Oracle in *Heroick Verse*. They found a secret Charm in Numbers, which made every thing look pompous and weighty: And hence it became the general Practice of Legislators, and Philosophers, to deliver their Laws and Maxims in that Dress; and scarce any thing in those Ages was writ of Excellence or Moment, but in Verse. This was the Dawn of *Poetry*, which soon grew into Repute; and so long as it serv'd to such noble Purposes as *Religion* and *Government*, Poets were highly honour'd, and admitted into a Share of the Administration. But by that time it arriv'd to any Perfection, they pursu'd more mean and servile Ends; and as they prostituted their Muse, and debas'd the Subject, they sunk proportionably in their Esteem and Dignity. As to the History of Oracles, we find them mention'd in the very *Infancy* of *Greece*; and it is as uncertain when they were finally extinct, as when they begun. For they often lost their Prophetick Faculty for some time, and recover'd it again. I know 'tis a common Opinion, that they were universally silenc'd upon our *Saviour's* Appearance in the World: And if the *Devil* had been permitted for so many Ages to delude Mankind, it might probably have been so. But we are assur'd from

from History, that several of them continu'd 'till the Reign of *Julian the Apostate*, and were consulted by him: And therefore I look upon the whole Business as of Human Contrivance, an egregious Imposture founded upon *Superstition*, and carried on by *Policy* and *Interest*, 'till the *Brighter Oracles* of the *Holy Scriptures* dispell'd these Mists of *Error* and *Enthusiasm*.

To return to *Acrisius*; upon this Advice of the Oracle, he kept his Daughter *Danae* under very close Confinement: But *Jupiter* came to her in a Shower of Gold, or rather her Uncle *Prætus* brib'd her Keepers, and left her with Child of *Perseus*. It is observ'd of most *Perseus*. of the famous Men of Antiquity, that they were begotten by Adultery and Incest. If their Mothers were of a noble Descent, the Theft was father'd upon some of the Gods; and the People in regard of their Virtue, and good Offices to the publick, were easily satisfied in the Belief of it. Thus *Perseus* was of the number of those who cast the Reproach of their Birth upon *Jupiter*. The Boy with his Mother was said to be thrown into the Sea, but was miraculously convey'd to the Island *Seriphus*, and like the Heroes of those times signaliz'd his Youth by destroying of Monsters, particularly the *Gorgon Medusa*, whose Head *The Gor-* he wore as a Trophy in the middle of his *gon Medu-* Shield. It is thought this *Medusa* was a beautiful Queen in *Africa*, and that *Perseus* went with an Army out of *Peloponnesus*, and conquered her. So that this Expedition may be more properly plac'd after his Return home upon his Grand-father's Death. He married *Andromeda*, after he had deliver'd her from a Sea-monster,

ster, or rather rescu'd her from one *Phenix*, who was sailing away with her in a Ship call'd *The Whale*, and after that return'd to *Argos* to see his Grand-father. But *Acrisius*, in hopes to defeat the Oracle, retir'd into *Thessaly*; where *Perseus* happening to meet him at some publick Games there, kill'd him by an accidental Blow with a Quoit, after a Reign of thirty one Years.

Pelops. About this time came into *Greece* *Pelops*, the Son of *Tantalus* King of *Sipylus* in *Phrygia*. He had been worsted in War by *Ilus* the Son of *Tros*, and fled for Refuge to *Oenomaus* King of *Pisa* in *Elis*, where he succeeded him in the Kingdom by marrying his Daughter *Hippodamia*. He had by her a numerous Issue, and by their Marriages, and a Reign of fifty eight Years, got footing in most Parts of the *Peninsula*, call'd it from himself, *Peloponnesus*. His Posterity maintain'd their Ground; and the Family of the *Pelopidae* became as remarkable both for their Exploits, and Misfortunes, as any in *Greece*.

The reputed Fall of Argos upon the Death of Acrisius.
A. M. 2692. *Perseus*, upon the foremention'd Accident, took such an Aversion to *Argos*, that he translated the Regal Seat to *Mycena*, where he founded both a City and Kingdom. So that the Fall of *Argos* is generally dated from the Death of *Acrisius*, after it had continu'd, from its suppos'd Founder *Inachus*, about 544 Years.

Some indeed look upon this State of *Mycena* only as a Continuation of the Kingdom of *Argos*, and therefore assign but one Succession of Kings to both Places. But others affirm, with more colour of Reason, that *Perseus* made an actual Exchange with his Cousin *Megapenthes*, who was then reigning at *Tyrinthe* in Right of his Father *Pratus*; that *Megapenthes* was succeeded

ceeded at *Argos* by his Son *Anaxagoras*, who contenting himself with a Third of the Kingdom, divided the rest between two Brothers, *Melampus* and *Bias*; the former of which had cured the *Præitides* his Aunts of their Madness, by the use of *Hellebore*. However this dismem-
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 bring of *Argos* so lessen'd the Figure her Princes were wont to make, and withal wrought such a Confusion in their Affairs, that it is hardly possible to rank them in any Order of Time, and Place. We can only conclude in general, that *Perseus* alter'd the Succession, without putting a final Period to the Kingdom: For we find several Kings mention'd even after *Anaxagoras*; as *Alector*, *Iphis*, *Eteocles*, who was kill'd in the *Theban War*, *Talaos* the Son of *Bias*, *Adrastus*, and his Son-in-Law *Tydeus* the Father of *Dio- medes*.

III. Amidst these Uncertainties let us return to *Mycena*, where we left *Perseus* settling his new-rais'd Kingdom, which he enjoy'd fifty eight Years. We must allow him one of the first Places among the Heroes of these Times, especially if we may add to his other Atchievements the Conquest of *Persia*, which it is thought took its Name from him, or his Son *Perfes*. But it does not appear, that the *Grecians* had yet made any Inroads into the *East*, much less with a Body of Men sufficient to subdue such a vast Tract of Land. *Perseus* left five Sons, *Perfes*, *Alcaus* Father of *Amphitryon*, *Sthenelus*, *Electryon* and *Mastor*. It is thought he was succeeded by *Mastor*, and he by his Brother *Electryon* Father of *Alcmena*. But this Opinion not being generally receiv'd, we must look up-
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Sthenelus. on *Sthenelus* as his immediate Successor; and to
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 common Method of *Chronologers*, who assign to
 some of the succeeding Kings an Over-plus of
 Years to account for the two former, whose
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that Name. and *Varro* forty four of this Name. Almost
 every Age and Country had its *Hercules*, it
 being a common Custom to call the most an-
 cient Kings by the Name of *Saturn*, their Sons
 by that of *Jupiter*, and the most Valiant and
 Active of their Grand-sons by this of *Hercules*.
 Hence it became difficult to distinguish among
 so many; and therefore the Actions of all are
 generally ascrib'd to this latter: So that it is ea-
 sier to say he was certainly very eminent in his
 Time, than to tell you by what Means he be-
 came so. This *Hercules* was the Son of *Am-*
phitryon and *Alcmena*, both descended immedi-
 ately from *Perseus*; tho' the Poets assign *Jupiter*
 for his Father, which may be understood of
 some neighbouring Prince. His early Valour,
 and being so nearly related to the Crown, gave
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hours: But they are describ'd in so Romantick a manner, that it is hardly consistent with the Gravity of History to relate them. For what shall we say to his *Nemean Lion*, his *Hydra*, his *Erymanthian Boar*, and the rest of his incredible Acts, unless we understand by them the most notorious Robbers, Murderers, and Tyrants subdu'd by him, which, like so many *Pests*, and *Monsters of Mankind*, at that time infested the World? To these twelve Labours, which he perform'd chiefly at the Instigation of *Eurystheus*, whose Jealousie gave the chief rise to his Glory, we may add several others which he undertook of himself: And our Esteem of them is not so much the Effect of a blind Zeal for Antiquity, as the Respect Men naturally have for a generous Valour, which protects the weak instead of insulting them, and is so far from committing Violence, that it is always best pleas'd, and employ'd in repressing it. But withal it must be own'd, there was a great deal of the Spirit of *Knight-Errantry* in these first Ages of the World, when the Heroes were not content to signalize themselves at home by freeing their Country, but rov'd about in Search of foreign Adventures. And hither may be referr'd the famous *Expedition* of the *Argonauts*; which falling in with these Times, and being the first recorded of that kind, must not be omitted.

The chief Captain of this Voyage was *Jason*, a young Prince of *Iolcus* in *Thessaly*, the Son of *Aeson*, and fourth in Descent from *Aeolus*; who was put upon it by *Pelias* his Uncle, who had usurp'd the Kingdom. *Jason* reflecting with himself what Renown *Persus* and others

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thiers had lately gain'd, clos'd with his Advice; and declaring his Intention, was seconded by many young Noblemen, insomuch that above fifty of the Flower of *Greece* gave in their Names to the Expedition. The chief of which, besides *Jason*, and *Hercules*, were *Orpheus*, who also writ an Account of it, *Oileus* Father of the younger *Ajax*, *Telamon* Father of the other *Ajax*, with his Brother *Peleus* Father of *Achilles*, both the Sons of *Æacus*, *Castor* and *Pollux* Sons of *Tyndareus* King of *Sparta*, and *Argus* who built the Ship, which from him was call'd *Argo*, and his Companions *Argonautæ*. The Design of their Voyage was to fetch back the *Golden Fleece*, as the Fable calls it, from *Æetes* King of *Colchos* in *Asia*, or in more plain terms to plunder him of some vast Treasure, which they had heard was in his Possession. Accordingly they set sail from a Bay in *Thessaly* near *Folcus*, and having touch'd at *Lemnos*, and other Places, met with several fabulous Encounters in their Passage and Return, too many, and too incredible to enumerate. Such were the *Symplegades*, the *Syrens*, the *Harpies*, *Scylla* and *Charybdis*, which were disguis'd by *Orpheus* under Poetical Morals, and seem to have been copied afterwards by *Homer* in his Travels of *Ulysses*. But being arriv'd at *Colchos*, by the Assistance of *Medea* the King's Daughter, who fell in Love with *Jason*, they got the Treasure, and return'd home, taking *Medea* with them by way of Reprisal, (as they gave out) for *Io*, who was formerly stole from *Argos*. *Medea* was marry'd to *Jason*, and afterwards, upon his abandoning her, to *Ægeus* King of *Athens*; where her Skill in Magick

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Magick and Witchcraft, and her many tragical Adventures, have furnish'd sufficient matter for the Stage.

To return to *Hercules*, his End is made to be of a piece with the most extravagant Scenes of his Life. His Applause in the World had gain'd him a sufficient number both of Wives and Mistresses; of whom the most noted were *Megara*, *Iole*, *Deianeira*, and *Omphale*: And whether he fell a Sacrifice to their jealous Resentment by Poison, or burnt himself in a fit of Phrenzy upon Mount *Oeta*, or what else became of him, more than that he dy'd about the fifty second Year of his Age, is not easily determin'd. *Death of Hercules.*
Eurystheus continu'd his Resentment even after his Death, and express'd it to his Children, by commanding *Hyllus* and the rest, about sixty in number, as they grew up, to quit *Peloponnesus*. They not being in a Capacity to resist him, betook themselves to *Athens*, where they were harbour'd and protected. *Eurystheus* finding them thus settled in a Body, and carrying it high upon their own Descent, and their Father's Merit, thought them still too near him; and therefore invaded *Attica*, with a design to extirpate them. But by the Assistance of the *Athenians* they made head against him, and slew both him and his Sons in the forty third Year of his Reign; and then in their turn invaded *Peloponnesus*. But the Plague raging there, and the Oracle attributing it to their coming before their time, they retir'd to *Marathon*. After three Years they made another Attempt: For so they interpreted the Oracle, which told 'em they must stay *three Crops*, but by which was meant *three Generations*. The Armies being about

about to engage, *Hyllus* would decide the Quarrel in his own Person, and was slain by *Echemus* King of *Tegea* in *Arcadia*, who accepted his Challenge. Whereupon the rest return'd, and were most of them incorporated with the *Dores* about *Oeta*, by the means of *Agimius* their King, who had adopted *Hyllus*, in return of the Kindness he had receiv'd from *Hercules*, who had restor'd him to his Kingdom. After several fruitless Attempts made by them and their Posterity, they at last recover'd their ancient footing in these Parts. But this *Descent* of the *Heraclida* must be referr'd to its proper Place.

Eurystheus, upon his Expedition into *Attica*, had committed the Government of *Mycenæ* to his Uncle *Atreus* the Son of *Pelops*; who upon his Nephew's Death kept Possession of it for himself: And hence the *Pelopida* got the Ascendant over the *Perseides*, and became in effect Masters of *Peloponnesus*. *Atreus* is thought to have reign'd jointly with his Brother *Thyestes*: But this latter being taken in Adultery with his Wife *Aerope*, was banish'd; and when he was afterwards recall'd, *Atreus* kill'd his Children, and serv'd them up to him at Table; whence arose the Proverb of *Thyestes's Supper*. At the Horror of this Fact the Sun was said to go back; by which some understand *Atreus's* Skill in Astrology, whereby he found out the Eclipse of the Sun, and the Difference of its Motion from that of the Starry Heaven. There is also another Brother mention'd by the Name of *Plisthenes*, Father of *Agamemnon* and *Mene-laüs*, who are therefore to be accounted only the adopted Sons of *Atreus*, to whose Care they were

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were committed. But *Plifthenes* was rather the Son of *Atreus*; and if he succeeded him, (as it is probable he did) his Years may be comprehended under *Atreus* and *Thyestes*, to whom is assign'd a Reign of sixty five Years. However, it is certain *Agamemnon* succeeded as next Heir of the *Pelopida*: Who being a Prince of Prudence and Courage, obtain'd the Sovereignty not only of *Mycena* and *Argos*, but of all as far as *Sicyon* and *Corinth*, and the Country which was afterwards call'd *Achaia*. It was no small Addition to his Titles to be chosen General of the Expedition against *Troy*; which happening at this time, must be more than barely mention'd, since it was an Action wherein all the Parts of *Greece* were almost equally concern'd.

IV. The Destruction of *Troy* is one of the most famous *Epocha's* of Antiquity, being the first Term to which the *Grecian* Historians refer'd their most remarkable Transactions. It was this Enterprize that properly put an end to the *Infancy* of *Greece*, wherein she try'd her united Forces, and forewarn'd *Asia* that she should one day submit to her Yoke. But before we proceed to Particulars, it will be necessary to premise something of the Certainty of this War, which is not so establish'd, but that several have call'd in Question either the Whole, or the greatest Part of what the Ancients have left us concerning it. For some will not allow there ever were such Persons living as *Agamemnon*, *Achilles*, *Hector*, *Paris* and *Helena*. Others pretend to collect from ancient *Egyptian* Monuments, that *Helena* was actually marry'd

The Kingdom, and War of Troy.

ry'd to *Paris* the Son of *Priam*; against whom the *Grecians* out of a Motive of Jealousie enter'd into a general Confederacy, and were worsted in several Conflicts, in one of which *Achilles* was slain by *Heëtor*.

It must be confess'd the *Grecians* were far from being exact in their Annals; from which Neglect, together with the additional Fictions of the Poets, by which they were adulterated, have proceeded so many different Accounts of their most noted Occurrences. But as the Ruins of *Troy* are undeniable Arguments of its former Greatness, they who reject the Story as fabulous, ascribe its Fall to Earthquakes and Inundations, and call the Elements to their Aid to maintain the Testimony of a certain *Egyptian* Priest, in opposition to the common Consent both of *Greek* and *Latin* Historians. As to the *Historians* themselves, it must own'd most of those who are transmitted to Posterity, liv'd some Ages after the *Trojan* War: (For *Dares Phrygius*, and *Dictys Cretensis*, as they appear now in the World, can hardly be accounted *Genuine*.) But it does not from thence follow, that they had no Authority but that of *Homer* for what they said. For neither was *Homer* the first and only Author, (as some will have it) who gave an Account of this Expedition. There are several recorded before him, from whom undoubtedly he copy'd, as others did from him. And as some reject the whole Story, so others greedily catch at the least Remains of Antiquity. They fancy the *Ilias* a faithful, intire Narrative, and will rather take from the *Author* the Title of a *Poet*, than not put him in the same Rank with solid *Historians*.

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rians. There is certainly a *Medium* to be observ'd between these *Extremes*; of which *Homer* himself, as being the great Master from whom we derive our Rules of Poetry, was sensible. He knew he might vary from the Truth as to *Particulars*, tho' not as to the main *Subject*; that he might adorn his Poem with *Probable Falsities*; but that the *Principal Action* ought always to have some real Foundation in History. How far he has observ'd this Rule, will better appear by taking a short Survey of the History of *Troy*, from the first Accounts we have of it.

What *Troy* was originally before *Teucer's* *Teucer*. time, and how long he reign'd there, we are not sufficiently inform'd. And therefore the Foundation of it is generally ascrib'd to *Dardanus*. *Dardanus* an *Arcadian*, who with several of his Countrymen under his Conduct coasting along *Europe* touch'd at *Samothrace*, and from thence seated himself in *Phrygia* a Province of *Asia Minor*, where *Teucer* was King; who gave him his Daughter, and with her some Ground near the Sea, where he built the City, which with the Territory was from himself called *Dardania*. Upon this account some fancy he reign'd jointly with his Father-in-Law: But it is more certain he succeeded him in his whole Dominions, and the People before call'd *Teuceri* were from him nam'd *Dardani*. Whatever the *Grecians* say of their *Trojan* Expedition, which they would have consider'd as a *Prelude* to their Conquests over the *Barbarians*, from hence it appears that the *Trojans* were properly a *Grecian* Colony. Besides they had *Grecian* Names, worship'd the same Divinities; and *Homer* has left room

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to conjecture, that they spoke the same Language: Otherwise it is hard to conceive, how a Poet used to be particular in the minutest Circumstances almost to trifling, should describe such frequent Conferences without ever employing an Interpreter between them. *Dardanus*, after a Reign of sixty five Years, left the Kingdom to his Son *Eriethonius*, who was reported to have been extremely rich and fortunate. He, after forty six Years, was succeeded by his Son *Tros*, from whom the Country took the Name of *Troas*, and the City, *Troja*. *Tros* had three Sons, *Ilus*, *Assaracus* and *Ganymede*. From *Assaracus* is deriv'd the Pedigree of *Aeneas*. *Ganymede* was stole away by *Tantalus* Father of *Pelops*, and by consequence Great Grand-father to *Agamemnon*; which being highly resented by his Brother *Ilus*, he drove *Tantalus* out of his Territories, and made him fly for Refuge into *Greece*, where with his Son *Pelops* (as was before hinted) he laid the Foundation of the *Pelopida*. This became the Grounds of an hereditary Quarrel between the Families of *Priam* and *Agamemnon*; and was probably the chief, tho' not the common reputed Cause of the *Trojan War*. For it seems to have been by way of Reprisal, that *Paris*, *Ilus's* Great Grand-son, stole away *Helen* from *Mene-laüs*, who was Great Grand-son to *Tantalus*. *Ilus*, after forty nine Years, succeeded his Father *Tros*. Some ascribe to him the Foundation of the City, which from him was call'd *Ilium*, and was the constant *Grecian* Name, as *Troja* was the *Latin*. Others refer this Honour to *Tros*: But I rather close with those who give it to *Dardanus*, and believe the others

thers only enlarg'd and beautify'd it, and chang'd the Name. *Ilus*, after forty Years, left the Kingdom to his Son *Laomedon*; who by the Assistance of *Neptune* and *Apollo* walled in the City, or in other terms rifled their Temples to defray the Expence: For which piece of Sacrilege, and not making Restitution, the Oracle told him there was no other way of appeasing the Gods but by exposing a *Trojan* Virgin to be devour'd by a Sea-monster: The lot fell upon his own Daughter *Hesione*; who was rescu'd by *Hercules*, and the Monster kill'd. But *Laomedon*, who was noted for Perjury, denying the Reward he had promis'd for this Service, *Hercules* laid Siege to the City, took and plunder'd it, kill'd *Laomedon*, and took his Son *Podarces* Prisoner, who was afterwards redeem'd by the *Trojans*, and from thence had the Name of *Priamus*. Some make *Priam* rather assisting to *Hercules* than otherwise; and that, for his Integrity and Justice, he was plac'd by him in his Father's Throne, after a Reign of forty four Years. *Priam* had a large Extent of Dominion, reaching from *Tenedos* to the Upper *Phrygia*, containing nine Provinces, with a proportionable number of Towns. He rebuilt the City and the Wall, and made it more defensible with Forts and Bastions, which from thence took the Name of *Pergama*. His Court was full of Pomp and Sp'endor; and thus for many Years he enjoy'd an uninterrupted Scene of Prosperity. To add to which, he had a numerous Issue of fifty Sons, great part of them legitimate by *Hecuba* his second Wife. She dream'd, when she was big with *Paris*, that she should be deliver'd of a

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Fire-brand, which should reduce the City to Ashes. Whereupon *Priam* expos'd the Infant upon Mount *Ida*: But by his Mother's Care and Compassion, he was brought up among the Shepherds; and from signalizing himself in their behalf against the Robbers of those Times, obtain'd the Name of *Alexander*. Being grown up, whether his generous Qualities betray'd his Birth, or whether it was by his Mother's Contrivance, who had manag'd the Secret, he was made known to his Father, and receiv'd with a great deal of Satisfaction. Soon after he sail'd into *Greece*, under a Pretence of demanding his Aunt *Hesione*, carry'd away by *Hercules*, and marry'd to *Telamon* the Father of *Ajax*; but (as the Event shew'd) with a Design upon *Helena*, the Wife of *Menelaus* King of *Sparta*. Yet 'tis probable, he had no further Intent than most of the young active Heroes of these Times, when they went in Search of foreign Adventures. Such seems to be his Arrival at *Sparta*, where he was receiv'd by *Menelaus* with all the Expressions of Kindness and Civility. He soon fell in League with *Helena* his Wife, and carry'd her away with him, but (as most of the Rapes of Antiquity were) with her own Consent. I have mention'd several old Grudges between the *Grecians* and *Asiaticks*, with whom the *Trojans* generally sided, as being their Neighbors. So that whatever *Paris's* Intentions at first were, he was certainly glad of this Opportunity of gratifying his Love, and revenging the Quarrels of his Country and Family. For fear of being pursu'd, he carry'd her first to *Sidon* in *Phanicia*, where some say they were marry'd, and

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and from thence to *Troy*; where they were no sooner arriv'd, but *Sparta* was in an Uproar, and *Greece* in general immediately took the Alarm. For *Menelaus* his Resentment was soon seconded by his Brother *Agamemnon*, who bearing the chief Sway in *Peloponnesus*, us'd his utmost Efforts to engage all the Princes of *Greece*, and make it a national Quarrel. And one Reason why he succeeded so easily in this Design was, that *Helen* being the fam'd *Beauty* of those Times, her Father *Tyndareus* had made it a Condition to the young Princes who address'd her, that where-ever she should fix her Choice, they should all in general oblige themselves by Oath, in case she were stole, to assist in her Recovery.

Accordingly *Agamemnon* assembled most of the noted Captains at *Aegium* a Town in *Achaia*, to concert Measures for carrying on the War, where they chose him their General; and pursuant to this Agreement they met afterwards, with their respective Quota's of Men and Ships, at *Aulis* a Sea-port of *Baotia*; where they took an Oath not to return, 'till they had either recover'd *Helen*, or taken *Troy*. Under *Agamemnon*, who commanded in chief, the *Spartans* were headed by his Brother *Mene-* Commanders of the Grecian Forces. *laus*; the *Argives* by *Diomedes*, *Sthenelus*, and *Euryalus*; the *Messenians* by *Nestor*, who by his mature Counsel and Experience made sufficient amends for the other Infirmities of his Age; the *Arcadians* by *Agapenor*; the *Eleans* by *Polyxenus*, *Amphimachus*, *Thalpius*, and *Diores*, who were Partners in the Kingdom. As for the States without the *Isthmus*, the *Athenians* were under the Conduct of *Menestheus* their

King; the *Megarensians* with the Island *Salamis* under *Ajax* the Son of *Telamon*; the *Phocians* under *Schedius* and *Epistrophus*, the Sons of *Iphitus* the *Argonaut*; the *Ætolians* under *Thoas*; *Dulichium* with the Isles of *Echinades* under *Meges*; the *Cephalenians*, *Zacynthians*, and the Inhabitants of *Ithaca* under *Ulysses*. The *Baotian* Forces had also five Commanders, *Leitus*, *Arcefilaus*, *Prothoënar*, *Clonius*, and *Terfander* the Son of *Polynices* King of *Thebes*; which latter being kill'd in *Mysia* had his Place supply'd by *Penelens*. The *Orchomenians* were commanded by two Brothers, *Ascalaphus* and *Jalmenus*; the *Locri Opuntii* and *Epicnemidii* by the younger *Ajax* the Son of *Oileus*; and the *Eu-beans* under the Name of the *Abantes* by *Elephenor*. Out of the Country which was then called *Pthiotis*, and afterwards *Thessaly*, *Achilles* with his Friend *Patroclus* brought the *Myrmidones*, *Achai*, and *Hellenes*; which latter Name, I observ'd, had not yet universally obtain'd in *Greece*. *Protesilaus* the Son of *Iphiclus*, *Philoctetes* of *Paan*, *Podalirius*, and *Machaon* of *Æsculapius*, *Eumelus*, *Euripylus*, *Polypates*, and *Leonteus* brought in their several Parties out of the Neighbourhood, with *Guneus* who commanded the *Ænians* and *Perrhabii*, and *Prothous*, the *Magnetes*. There are also mention'd *Idomeneus* and *Meriones*, as Commanders of the *Cretan* Forces; and *Tlepolemus* the Son of *Hercules*, of the *Rhodian*. From *Syma* came *Nireus*; from *Cos*, *Carpatus*, and other neighbouring Isles, *Phidippus* and *Antiphus* of the Posterity of *Hercules*. So that the *Acarnanians* were the only People of Note, who did not appear in this general Expedition. What Number these

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Forces amounted to, will best appear from the Number of their Ships, which by some are computed at a thousand, but more generally by others at twelve hundred; whereof the largest carry'd an hundred and twenty Men, and the least fifty, who were both Soldiers and Mariners. And by a middle Computation between these Extremes, the Number of Men transported in them will amount to about an hundred thousand; which was not reckon'd such a vast Number to be collected throughout the whole Body of *Greece*: But they wanted Mony and Provisions more than Men, having already more than they could subsist. For their Ships being small, and without Decks, such as the Pirates us'd, they could carry very little Provision with them.

In this Condition they embark'd at *Aulis*, They embark'd at *Lemnos*, and from thence were driven by Mistake into *Mysia*; where making Incursions into the Country, *Telephes* the Prince made head against them, and repuls'd them with the Loss of *Thersander* the *Beotian* General. There happen'd a Conflict immediately upon their Arrival at *Troy*; wherein *Protesilaus*, and several others were slain, with little Loss on the *Trojans* Side. The *Grecians* found, by this warm Reception, what they were to expect; and having by their Numbers gain'd Ground enough to encamp, sent *Menelaus* and *Ulysses* by way of Embassie to demand *Helen*. The Business was debated in Council; where *Antenor* and most of the grave Members were for delivering her up; but *Priam*, tho' otherwise prudent enough, yet out of Indulgence to his Son, rather clos'd with the other Part of the Council.

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This Aggravation confirm'd both Parties in their Preparations for War; and in the next Engagement the *Trojans* were worsted. After which the *Grecians* were forc'd through Scarcity of Provisions to divide their Army; one part being employ'd in tilling the *Chersonese*; and another sent for the immediate Relief of the Camp to scour the Seas; and indeed Piracy in those Days was look'd upon as a lawful kind of Merchandise: Others were left to live at Discretion, by spoiling and ravaging the Country. These prov'd such favourable Diversions to the *Trojans*, as gave them Time not only to strengthen their Alliances with their Neighbours in *Phrygia*, *Lycia*, *Mysia*, and most Parts of the *Lesser Asia*, but also to form new ones with foreign Princes, who sent them considerable Reinforcements. The *Grecians* had no more Men upon the Spot, than would serve to annoy the Town, and secure themselves, *Achilles* being sent with a great Detachment to harass the Country, and cut off Provisions from the City. Wherein he succeeded so well, that he took twenty three Towns, and in them a great deal of Booty; upon the Division whereof he was highly disgusted, because he had taken the greatest part of it himself. He had taken with him

Palamedes.

Palamedes; who, as he was carrying on the War in *Lesbos*, was traduc'd by the false Suggestions of *Ulysses*, and ston'd in the Camp as a Traitor. The Truth is, he had deserv'd very well of the Army for his Courage, Wisdom, and Learning; and the Envy of *Ulysses* was the chief Grounds of their Quarrel. To

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Palamedes are ascrib'd sixteen Letters of the *Greek Alphabet*, or rather four, which he added to the sixteen before invented by *Cadmus*; as also the ordering and ranking of an Army, (tho' this was in a great measure owing to *Meneſtheus*) with the Watch-word, and several Sorts of Games to divert the Soldiers. His Death was highly reſented by the Elder *Ajax*, and more particularly by *Achilles*, who for this, and his ſmall Share in the Booty, would not in a great while be perſuaded to proſecute the War; which ſeems a more probable Cauſe for his Anger, than what the *Poet* aſſigns of *Agamemnon's* taking his Miſtreſs from him.

To relate all the Particulars of this War would be tedious, and perhaps not warrantable. For what the firſt nine Years produc'd, amounted to no more than Sallies and Skirmiſhes, wherein the Town could not ſuffer extreamly, being at firſt well provided with Neceſſaries, having equal Numbers to pour out upon thoſe who were before it, and a ſafe Retreat upon any Miſcarriage. So that moſt agree there was no conſiderable Action from the firſt Year to the tenth; and *Herodotus's* Opinion is very probable, that the *Grecians* did not lye before the Town the firſt nine Years; but that the *Trojan* Dominions conſiſting of nine large Principalities, they found Employment enough to beat up and down the Country, ſpoiling and plundering all before them, 'till at laſt they came of courſe to block up their Capital City; which has queſtionleſs introduc'd the Miſtake of converting this War, which laſted in all ten Years, into a *Decennial Siege*.

It is certain, that in the Beginning of the Summer in which *Troy* was taken, the *Grecians* preſented

presented themselves in a Body before the Town. The Besieg'd were easily drawn out, as being little inferior to them either in Numbers or
Account of the Trojan Forces. Commanders; the chief of which were *Hector*, *Paris*, *Deiphobus*, *Helenus*, and the other Sons of *Priam*; *Aeneas*, *Antenor*, and his Sons; *Polydamus* and *Euphorbus*, the Sons of *Panhus*; *Sarpedon* King of *Lycia*; *Glaucus*, and *Asius*; besides Foreign Recruits under *Rhesus*, *Memnon*, and others, who came towards the End of the War. Upon *Hector's* appearing without the Walls, things seem'd to tend to a decisive Battel; but there were several fought with various Success, the greatest of which was that

A great Battel at King Ilus's Tomb.

Another in the Grecian Camp.

Patroclus kill'd:

upon the Plain at King *Ilus's* Tomb; and another at the very Camp of the *Grecians*, wherein *Hector* broke through their Intrenchments, and began to fire their Ships. The *Grecian* Captains were most of them wounded, except *Ajax* and his Brother *Teucer*; and their Case was almost desperate, when *Patroclus* with much Difficulty obtain'd Leave of his Friend *Achilles* to march with his *Myrmidons* to their Relief. By the Assistance of these Troops (which *Achilles* had kept more out of a Pique than for a Reserve) the *Grecians* rally'd, and after a sharp Engagement repuls'd the *Trojans*. *Patroclus* had kill'd *Sarpedon* and others, and was in Pursuit of *Hector*, when *Euphorbus* came behind and wounded him, and *Hector* turn'd and accomplish'd his Death. *Euphorbus* was also kill'd by *Menelaus*; and this is he, whose Soul *Pythagoras* affirm'd, according to his Notion of *Transmigration*, to have pass'd into his own Body. *Achilles* was rous'd at the Death of his Friend, and laying aside all private Quarrels and Resentment





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ment against the Generals, resolv'd to push on for Conquest and Revenge. Accordingly he renew'd the Fight, and took twelve young Men, whom as a Victim to *Patroclus* he kill'd at his Funeral: He then singled out *Hector*, slew him, *Alſo Hector* and dragg'd his Body in Triumph at his Chariot-Wheels, 'till it was ransom'd by *Priam*. His Death was accompany'd with that of *Memnon*, *Troilus*, and others; but was soon after revenged by *Paris*, who slew *Achilles* by some treacherous Stratagem. What way he effected it, I had rather leave undetermin'd, than take up with the Poet's Account of it; who, to work up Love enough in his Hero's Character, gives him a View of *Polyxena*, *Priam's* Daughter, from the Walls; upon which he falls violently in Love, and proceeds to Marriage; at which Solemnity he was shot with a Dart by *Paris*, who lay conceal'd behind an Image in the Temple. But the Incendiary himself was afterwards slain *and Paris.* by *Philoctetes*, and *Helen* given to his Brother *Deiphobus*.

The *Trojans*, tho' they had lost their chief Supports, still plac'd a great Confidence in their *Palladium*. They had been told the City would never be taken, so long as that Image *The Palladium.* of *Minerva* was in it; and had the same superstitious Opinion of it, that the *Romans* afterwards had of their *Ancile* in the Time of *Numa Pompilius*, which, like that, was pretended to have dropt from the Gods as a Pledge of their Favour. But the fatal Time approaching, the *Palladium* was stole; and the City either betray'd by *Antenor* and *Aeneas*, or taken (as others will have it) by the Stratagem of the *Wooden Horse*. But to consider this Horse in *The wooden the Horse.*

the manner it is describ'd, cramm'd with Men in Ambush, and those the chief Officers in the Army, must argue very odd Management on both Sides, either that the *Grecians* should expose themselves, or the *Trojans* admit them; and seems even in Poetry rather an Extravagance, than an Ornament. Perhaps this was the *Battering Ram*, which the *Romans* afterwards made use of, and deriv'd from *Greece*. *Pliny* fixes the Time of its Invention to the *Trojan War*, and says it gave Occasion to the Story of the *Wooden Horse*. Which looks the more probable, because it was the constant Practice of those Times to wrap up the Original of every Invention in Fables: The Reason of which might be, that the *Grecians* generally fetch'd their Knowledge out of the *East*, and being thus disguis'd, it pass'd more easily for their own. But whatever Image it bore, *Pausanias* says plainly it was a sort of Battering Engine erected by one *Epeus*, and that a Pattern of it stood in the Castle of *Athens*. This they employ'd against the Walls, and made a considerable Breach, by which the whole *Grecian* Army enter'd in the Night, and dispersing themselves into every Quarter of the Town, it was taken, plunder'd and burnt. *Priam* with great part of his Family, and the Inhabitants in general were barbarously murder'd, without Respect to Age, Quality, or the Places where they had taken Sanctuary. *Antenor* and *Aeneas* were excepted out of this general Massacre; which seems to confirm their having corresponded with the Enemy to let the Town be surpris'd.

Troy taken.

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Thus fell *Troy*, no less famous to Posterity for having been the *Grecians* first great Scene of Action, than that it withstood their united Power so long; and so far happy in its Fall, in having given Birth to the two best Poems that the World ever yet produc'd, and in them to survive its own latest Ruins. There is another Honour paid to it by Posterity, in that most Nations have express'd a particular Vanity in bringing their Descent from the scatter'd Remains of the *Trojans*. But those who had most Colour for their Pretensions were the *Romans*, who were first the *Albans*, seated in *Italy* by *Aeneas*; the *Venetians* by *Antenor*, who came with the *Heneti* into the *Adriatick* Sea, and built *Padua*; and the *Chaonians* planted in *Epirus* by *Helenus Priam's* Son. With the City fell the Kingdom, in the 2820th Year of the World, and 408 before the *Olympiads*, after it had flourish'd from its Founder *Dardanus* to *Priam*, in a regular Succession from Father to Son, the Space of 296 Years.

Whatever *Troy* suffer'd, the *Grecians* had no great Reason to boast of their Conquest. They had lost a sufficient Share in the Field; the rest were harass'd and broke with the Fatigues of a long War, and expos'd to all the Miseries of Storm and Shipwrack in their Return; which is attributed to the Impatience of *Menelaus*, who having recover'd *Helen*, was immediately for putting to Sea; upon which the Fleet was dispers'd, some drown'd, others driven upon foreign Coasts, and even those few who arriv'd safe, met with such Disorders in their Family, such Factions and Innovations in their Governments, that they were either murder'd at Home, or forc'd to fly for

for Refuge. So that the Wives and Mistresses of the Grecian Captains dated their Miseries from this War; and could not mention *Troy* without Detestation.

Agamemnon immediately upon his Return from *Troy*, in the fifteenth Year of his Reign, was murder'd by *Ægisthus* Son of *Thyestes*, and his own Wife *Clytemnestra*, who during his Absence had liv'd together in Adultery. It is natural to believe what is not generally assented to, that *Ægisthus* afterwards usurp'd the Kingdom, and enjoy'd it for seven Years, 'till *Orestes* the Son of *Agamemnon* return'd from *Phocis*, whither he had been convey'd for Fear of him, and slew both *Ægisthus* and his Mother *Clytemnestra*, with a Daughter by them call'd *Helena*; by which means he recover'd his Father's Dominions, tho' not without some Opposition of the *Argives*. The Story of his being tormented by the *Furies* relates to his Remorse of Conscience for having kill'd his Mother; for which Fact some say he was formally try'd and acquitted in the Court of *Areopagus* at *Athens*, the Suffrages for and against him being equal; in which Case Judgment always pass'd in Favour of the Defendant. This and other expiatory Acts of his put an End to that continu'd Scene of Adultery, Incest and Murder, which had hitherto reign'd in his Family; and he afterwards enjoy'd a long Reign with a great Extent of Dominion. It has been before insinuated, that *Argos* had its Kings after *Acrisius*; but they were no better than a sort of Vice-roys, who held immediately of the Kings of *Mycena*. But *Orestes*, by the Assistance of the *Phocians* who were his constant Friends, made himself more entirely Master of *Argos* than his Father,

Father, or any of his Predecessors: And hence that Kingdom was thought to be re-united about a hundred and forty Years after the three-fold Division made between *Anaxagoras*, *Melampus*, and *Bias*. Besides this, he had an Accession of the Kingdom of *Sparta*, upon the Death of his Uncle *Menelaus*, whose Daughter *Hermione* he had marry'd, being receiv'd by the *Lacedemonians*, for want of other lawful Issue, as the Grand-son of *Tyndareus* by *Clytemnestra*. He had also got Possession of the greatest Part of *Arcadia* next to *Argos*, upon a Vacancy in the Throne, and dy'd there after a Reign of seventy Years. Some ascribe to him the planting a Colony of the *Æolians* in *Asia*. But his Son *Penthilus* was rather Author of this Expedition; and yet he only attempted it by carrying them into *Thrace*, and from thence to *Lesbos*, upon the Descent of the *Heraclide*; and by his Grand-children it was, that they were actually seated in *Asia*. *Orestes* left two Sons, *Tisamenus* by *Hermione*, and *Penthilus* by *Erigone* Daughter of *Ægisthus*. There is a Contest which of them succeeded, or whether both reign'd together: But we have most Reason to believe the Kingdom fell to *Tisamenus*, as being legitimate: He had not enjoy'd it three Years, before the *Heraclide* displac'd him.

To Mycenæ
he adds
Argos,
Sparta,
and Part
of Arcadia.

The Æolians
planted
in Asia.

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V. *Aristomachus* Great Grand-son of *Hercules* left three Sons, *Temenus*, *Cresphontes* and *Aristodemus*; who being now thoroughly encourag'd and instructed by the Oracle, both as to the Time and Place of their Descent, gave out they would march through the *Isthmus*,

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mus, as their Ancestors had done; by which Feint having drawn down the *Peloponnesians* to guard that Pass, they cross'd the Sea under the Conduct of one *Oxylus* an *Ætolian* descended of *Thoas*, who went to the Siege of *Troy*, and landed at *Molyerium* with little Opposition. This Return of the *Heraclidæ* happen'd eighty Years after the Destruction of *Troy*, being the next Action to it, that affected *Greece* in general, and more particularly chang'd the Face of Affairs in *Peloponnesus*. For they challeng'd *Argos* as their Birth-right, being the next Heirs of the *Perseides*; which falling to *Temenus* by Lot (for that was the way of dividing their Conquests) he took it with some difficulty, and with it a Village in the Confines, which he fortify'd as a Place of Retreat for carrying on the War. Their Pretensions to

Lacedæmon were grounded upon *Hercules's* having restor'd *Tyndareus* to the Kingdom, upon Condition that he should reserve the Succession for his Children. Accordingly *Sparta* was betray'd into their Hands by one *Philonomus*, and fell to *Aristodemus*, or rather to his two Sons *Eurysthenes* and *Procles*, upon their Father's Death. They had as good a Claim to *Messenia*, *Hercules* having destroy'd the City *Pylus*, and conquer'd the Country, and afterwards given the Kingdom to *Nestor*, upon the same Terms that he gave *Sparta* to *Tyndareus*. This fell to *Cresphontes* by a Trick in the Lot; who ingratiating himself too much with the People, incurr'd the Hatred of the Nobility, and was murder'd with two of his Sons. His youngest Son *Æpytus* escap'd, and reveng'd his Father by the Death of *Polyphontes* the Usurper: By which

which means recovering the Crown, he left a Succession of seven Kings by the Name of the *Æpytidae*, who continu'd 'till near the Overthrow of that Kingdom by the *Spartans*. Then, according to their Promise, they put their Captain *Oxylus* in Possession of *Elis*; from whom descended *Iphitus*, who instituted the *Olympick Games*. They had also reserv'd *Corinth* for *Aletes*, one of their Kinsmen, Son of *Hippotes*; who soon after took Possession, and was succeeded by his Posterity for above three hundred Years. Thus were they seated in all parts of the Peninsula, except *Arcadia*, (whose King *Cypselus* was secur'd by marrying his Daughter *Merope* to *Cresphontes*) and continu'd their Sovereignty in most Places 'till the Conquest of the *Macedonians*. The *Achaens*, ori-^{The Achzi}ginally of *Thessaly*, being descended of *Achaus* remov'd.
the Brother of *Ion*, were now Inhabitants of *Argos* and *Lacedamon*; who being expell'd these Parts, sent to the *Ionians* their Neighbours and Kinsmen to admit them; and upon their Denial, were headed by *Tisamenus*, whom they lost in the Conflict, but however drove them into *Attica*, and seated themselves in their Room. *Polybius* makes *Tisamenus* to have reigned in *Greece* after this, and to have been succeeded by several of his Posterity. However, it is certain the *Heraclidae* put an End to the flourishing State of the *Pelopidae*, after they had sway'd the Affairs of *Argos*, and *Mycenæ*, about a hundred and sixty Years.

Temenus, whom we left in Possession of *Ar-* ^{Temenus.}
gos, had marry'd his Daughter to *Deiphontes* his Kinsman, who became a mighty Favourite both of King and People; insomuch that

Cifus the
last King
in Effect.

the Sons of *Temenus* grew jealous, lest the Kingdom should be transferr'd to him, and therefore made away with their Father. Notwithstanding this Murder, and the strong Party for *Deiphontes*, *Pausanias* says he was succeeded by his eldest Son *Cifus*, whose Reign, with that of his Father, made up forty Years. The *Argives*, who had always express'd a strong Inclination to Liberty, took Occasion upon his Death to deprive his Successors of all Marks of Regal Authority, leaving them nothing but the Title: So that from hence we may properly date the Fall of the Kingdom of *Argos*, after it had continu'd together with that of *Myccena*, about eight hundred Years, from the beginning of *Inachus*.

Meltas the
last Titu-
lar King.

To avoid the Inconveniences of a sudden Change, there was still a Succession of Titular Kings: But they were so cramp'd in their Power, that they could act nothing of themselves; and therefore we find little Mention made of them. The last who bore that Name was *Meltas*, the Son of *Lacidamus*; who being somewhat imperious, and exerting himself beyond his Predecessors, they first depriv'd him of all the Power he had resum'd, and then condemn'd him to Death; by which means they pluck'd up all Supremacy by the Roots, and suffer'd none afterwards to reign amongst them. For by what *Herodotus* mentions after this of a King of *Argos*, is meant no more than in the Common-wealths of *Athens*, *Carthage* and *Rome*, where this Name was apply'd to some particular Officers in the State. So that we must from this time look upon *Argos* as a settled Common-wealth; tho' as to its Constitution we have

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have little more left of the ancient Accounts of it, than to assure us it was in the nature of a *Democracy*, the People being divided into four *Tribes*, in Subordination to whom they had a Senate chosen annually, to which belong'd the Executive Power, but of no further Use, unless to prepare Matters for the whole Body, with Authority to enact Things of lesser Consequence. They had also a Council of State consisting of eighty Persons, besides Judges for determining of Causes, with other inferior Magistrates in the City. In this State the *Argives* flourish'd for many Ages, and became famous for their Contests with the *Lacedamonians* about the Territories of *Thyrea*. But that which rais'd, or at least fomented these Differences, was a secret Emulation and Distaste of each others Government. For the *Lacedamonians*, who valu'd themselves upon their *Oligarchy*, as the best Constitution of any in *Greece*, were constantly endeavouring to reduce their Neighbours to the same Model.

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*The Kingdom and Common-wealth of Lacedæmon, to the End of the Messenian Wars.**Containing the Space of about 800 Years.*

- I. **O**F all the Traditions concerning the Foundation of this Kingdom, none has been more generally receiv'd, than that *Lelex* first reign'd in *Lacorica*, near the 2500th Year of the World, calling his Subjects from himself, *Leleges*, and the Country, *Lelegia*. He left two Sons, *Myles*, and *Polycaon*; the former of which succeeded him in his Kingdom; and the latter marrying *Messene*, the Daughter of *Triopas* King of *Argos*, possess'd himself of that Country, which from her he nam'd *Messenia*.
- Lelex the first King of Lacedæmon.* *Myles.* *Eurotas.* *Lacedæmon.* *Myles* was succeeded by his Son *Eurotas*, who pass'd with some only for a River, because he cut a large Channel to drain the Country, which being swell'd with Springs, and continuing its Course to the Sea, came to be a River bearing his Name. After him, for want of Male-Issue, the Crown devolv'd upon *Lacedæmon*, who had marry'd his Daughter *Sparte*. He built the City, which in Compliment to his Wife he call'd *Sparta*, as the Country about it went by his own Name. But tho' in strict Propriety of Speech, this Difference was made between *Lacedæmon* and *Sparta*, in Process of Time the Distinction fell, and both
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Appellations were us'd promiscuously to express the City and Country. *Lacedamon* was succeeded by his Son *Amyclas*; who had three Sons, *Argalus*, *Cynortas*, and *Hyacinthus*, which last the Poets turn'd into a *Violet*, being kill'd accidentally by *Apollo*. *Argalus* succeeded his Father, and left the Kingdom to his Brother *Cynortas*; and he to his Son *Oebalus*, from whom the Country went some time by the Name of *Oebalia*. *Oebalus* by his first Wife had *Hippocoon*, and by *Gorgophone* the Daughter of *Persæus* his second, *Tyndareus*. These two upon their Father's Birth disputed the Succession; but *Tyndareus* was forc'd to quit his Pretensions, 'till *Hercules* made way for him with the Slaughter of *Hippocoon*, and his ten Sons, as has been shewn in the History of *Argos*. The Wife of *Tyndareus* was the famous *Leda*, on whom *Jupiter* was said to have begot *Castor* and *Pollux*, from thence call'd *Dioscouri*; unless they rather acquir'd that Name from the Fame of their Exploits, being mention'd as Sharers in most of the generous Enterprises of those Times, insomuch that they were deify'd after their Death, giving Name to the Constellation of *Gemini*; and *Rome* as well as *Greece* express'd a particular Veneration for them, ascribing some of its most signal Victories to their immediate Assistance. *Tyndareus* had also two Daughters, who made no less Noise in the World, *Clytemnestra* marry'd to *Agamemnon*, and *Helena* to his Brother *Mene-laüs*, after she had been first stole by *Theseus*: But for the Particulars of Her, and her Husband's Story, I must refer you to the Account of the *Trojan War*. Her two Brothers

Menelaus. dying before their Father, *Menelaus* succeeded *Tyndareus* in Right of his Wife. In his Return from *Troy*, he escap'd as well as most of the *Grecian* Captains; but lost great part of his Ships in a Storm, and was himself driven with his Wife into *Egypt*, where some say he wander'd above seven Years before he return'd to *Sparta*. As to his *Egyptian* Voyage, *Herodotus* is positive, that he went thither to fetch his Wife, whom he makes to have been detain'd there during the whole War; and insinuates, that if she had been at *Troy*, *Priam* would rather have given her up, than expos'd his Family and Kingdom to such a train of Miseries, by supporting his Son *Paris* in the Possession of another Man's Right, especially since he was not immediate Heir to the Crown, nor of equal Merit with several of his Brothers. He had by *Helen* only a Daughter nam'd *Hermione*, whom he marry'd to *Orestes* the Son of *Agamemnon*; and taking her from him, gave her again to *Pyrrhus* the Son of *Achilles*. But *Pyrrhus* was kill'd, and 'tis thought by *Orestes* his Means, because immediately upon his Death he resum'd his Wife. And upon the Death of *Menelaus*, the *Lacedaemonians* chose rather to accept of him as the Grand-son of *Tyndareus* by *Clytemnestra*, tho' he was before possess'd of *Mycena* and *Argos*, than of *Nicostratus* and *Megapenthes*, the two Bastard-Sons of *Menelaus*. *Orestes* enjoy'd a long Reign, and was succeeded in all his Kingdoms by his Son *Tisamenus*, who was soon expell'd by the *Heracidae*; whose Descent is more fully describ'd, where we had first Occasion to mention it.

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This Change put an End to the first State of *Lacedæmon*, wherein nothing happen'd very remarkable; neither have we sufficient Authority to assign the Duration, with the other Particulars of each King's Reign: Inasmuch that some *Chronologers* pass by this whole Succession, beginning their Accounts from the *Descent* of the *Heraclidæ*. But it fares with States as it does with Men; the Actions of their Infancy are generally too trifling to be recorded; and the Memory of the first Kings is so easily eclips'd by the Fame of their Successors, that we can expect little more than their Names, and for the same Reasons even they are not always handed down faithfully to Posterity. But upon the whole we may allow of this Race of thirteen Kings, of which the three last were of the *Pelopidæ*. They compleated among them a Term of about four hundred Years: And tho' there were no fixt Laws to limit the Prerogative, it does not appear that there were any considerable Encroachments made either on the Kings, or the Peoples side.

The first State of Lacedæmon under thirteen Kings.

II. The Government, which had hitherto been Monarchical, must now pass under the Name of a *Dyarchy*: Which Change seems to have been accidental, or rather out of an Accident improv'd into a Design of settling two Kings at the same time upon the Throne. For *Aristodemus* one of the Brothers of the *Heraclidæ*, dying as they were preparing for the Expedition, *Lacedæmon* was however allotted to his Family. He left two Sons, *Eurysthenes* and *Procles*, Twins, and so alike, that it was hardly

The second State under the Heraclidæ. A. M. 2900.

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hardly possible to distinguish 'em enough to know upon which to fix the Crown. From hence 'tis probable, their Mother took the Hint of turning it to the Advantage of both her Sons; so that when the *Spartans* came to her to decide the Controversie, she pretended not to know which was the Elder; and the Oracle at the same time favouring the Project, they were both declar'd Kings of *Sparta* with equal Power, but with some Degree of Preference in Point of Honour to the Family of *Eurysthenes*. Their Uncle *Theras* was appointed *Prodictus*, or Protector during their Minority: And his Regency being expir'd, he planted a Colony in *Calliste*, an Island in the *Aegean* Sea, better known afterwards from him by the Name of *Thera*. The Brothers being of Age began to look upon one another as Rivals in Empire: And it is not so much a Wonder, that this should breed a secret Distaste and Enmity between 'em, as that it should be propagated down to their latest Posterity, and yet never break out for above eight hundred Years, so as to dissolve the Constitution. The Brothers were succeeded by their two Sons, *Eurysthenes* by *Agis*, and *Procles* by *Sous*. To their Time we may refer the Original of Slavery in *Sparta*. For *Eurysthenes* and *Procles*, having upon a general Survey and Division of the Country granted to it the same Privileges and Immunities which belong'd to the City, *Agis* revers'd what his Predecessors had done in Favour of the Country, and impos'd a Tribute. To which all Parts having submitted, except the Inhabitants of *Helos*, he made 'em Prisoners of War, took away all the

the Privileges they enjoy'd as Members of the State, and condemn'd both them and their Posterity to perpetual Slavery. To make them yet a more standing Mark of Infamy, all other Slaves to the State went by the common Name of *Helota*; as the word *Slave* is us'd in most Countries, and deriv'd from the *Sclavi* or *Sclavonians* upon a like Occasion. *Sous* endeavouring to make himself as formidable abroad, as *Agis* was at home, reduc'd great Part of *Arcadia*. *Plutarch* has a remarkable Passage of him, that being besieg'd by the *Clitorians*, and mightily press'd for want of Water, he agreed to deliver up all his Conquests to them, upon Condition that he and all his Men should drink of a Spring near his Camp. To evade the Force of this Contract, he offer'd the Kingdom to any one of his Soldiers who would forbear drinking: But they having all rejected the Proposal, he came last himself to the Water, and having only sprinkled his Face without swallowing a Drop, march'd off in the Face of the Enemy, and refus'd to restore his Conquests. *Echestratus* succeeded next in the Line of the *Eurysthenida*, and *Eurytion* or *Euryphon*, some Years after, in that of the *Proclida*. It does not appear, that there had yet been any Abatement of that absolute Power which the former Kings enjoy'd, 'till this *Eurytion* affecting Popularity, flatter'd and cajol'd his Subjects, and so slacken'd the Reins, that the People made daily Incroachments upon him, and took such Advantage of the Easiness or Necessities of his Successors, that it brought the Government into Contempt, and the whole Kingdom into Confusion. After these

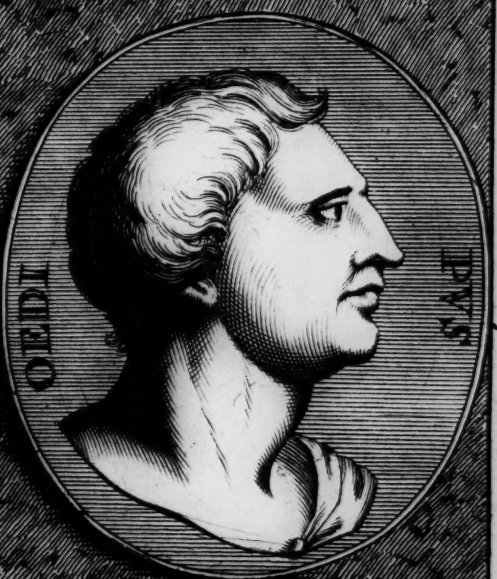
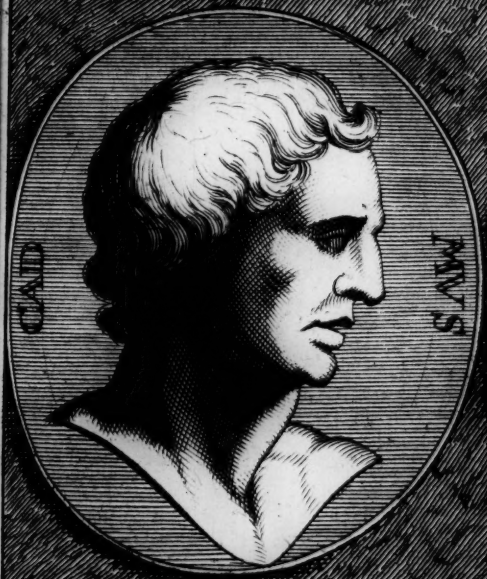
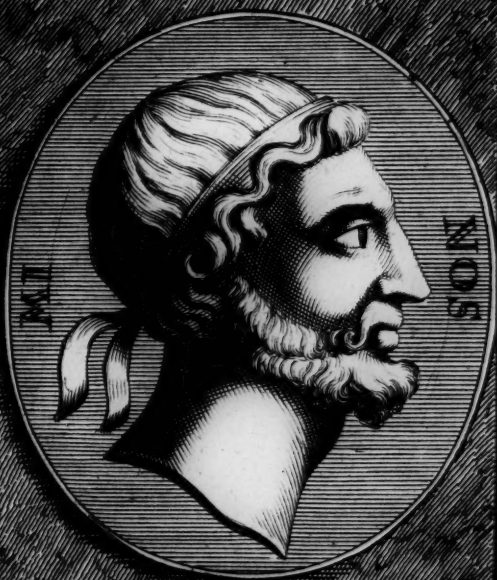
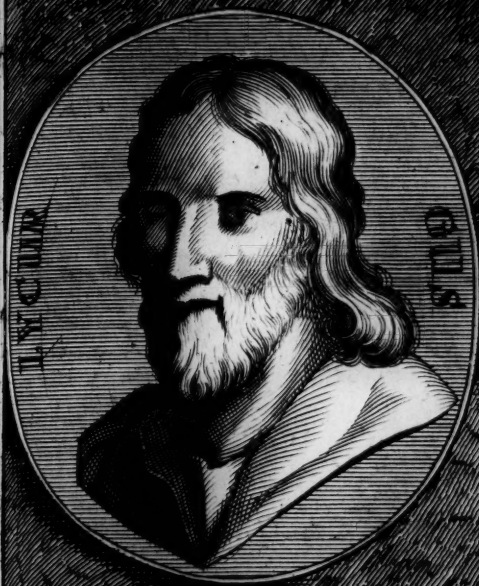
The Original of the Helotæ, or Spartan Slaves.

Echestratus and Eurytion.

Labota- these came *Labotas* and *Prytanis*, in whose Reigns
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nis. *monians* and *Argives*; but it was not carry'd
far enough to produce any memorable Action.

Doryffus *Doryffus* and *Eunomus* were the next, who con-
and Euno- tinu'd the Succession of their Families. *Agefi-*
mus. *laus* succeeded *Doryffus*, *Eunomus* still reign-
Agefilaus ing, 'till at last he was barbarously butcher'd in
and Poly- a popular Tumult. He left two Sons, *Poly-*
dectes. *dectes* and *Lycurgus* by two Wives: The for-
mer of which succeeded him, accompany'd by
Archelaus of the *Eurysthenida*; and dying with-
out Issue, the Right of Succession rested in
his Brother *Lycurgus*, who accordingly took
the Administration upon him. But the Queen
his Sister-in-Law proving with Child, and ha-
ving made an Overture to him, that she would
destroy the Birth upon Condition he would
marry her, he wisely smother'd his Resentment
of so unnatural a Proposal, express'd abundance
of Joy and Thanks, but withal begg'd of her
not to practise upon her self to the endangering
her Health; for that as soon as the Child was
born, he would take Care to remove it out of
the Way. Accordingly she was deliver'd of
a Boy, which was brought to him as he was at
Supper with the Magistrates, to whom he pre-
sented him as their King, and to testifie his own
and the Peoples Joy, gave him the Name of
Archelaus *Charilaus* or *Charillus*. *Lycurgus* still continu'd
the Regency, but it was as Guardian to the
young King; 'till in about eight Months, find-
ing that his Justice and Generosity were not
sufficient to screen him against the Malice of
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nuated, and her Brother reproach'd him to his Face, that he was satisfy'd he should soon see him King, he chose to divert the Storm by Travel, and thought his Nephew might in the mean time have a Son to secure the Succession.

With this Resolution he first set Sail to *Crete*, Lycurgus where he took a strict Survey of that Constitu- his Travels, tion, and made an Extract of its best Laws, with a design, when occasion should serve, to introduce them to *Sparta*. To this end he contracted an Intimacy there with *Thales*, not the Philosopher, but a famous Poet and Law-giver, and prevail'd with him to go to *Sparta*, in order to prepare the People for that great Change, which he afterwards effected. As to *The Cretan* *Crete*, the Establishment of its Laws is gene- Common- rally ascrib'd to *Minos*, who rather improv'd wealth. the Rough-draught laid down by *Rhadamanthus*, who for his Wisdom and Justice is by the Poets call'd one of the *Infernal Judges*. There are two recorded by the Name of *Rhadamanthus*, and two by that of *Minos*: And whether the two first of these Names were Natives or no, is not easie to determine. But the Island lying so in the Way of those who came out of the *East*, it seems probable that Civility got the first Footing there, and that from thence this Common-wealth made a more early, if not so remarkable a Figure as some of the other States of *Greece*. As for the Particulars of its Constitution, they were in so great a measure copy'd in that of *Sparta*, that there is no Need of repeating the same Thing under different Names. It is sufficient to observe in general, that *Minos* directed the whole Tenor of his Laws

Laws to the Freedom and Liberty of his Subjects. From *Crete* *Lycurgus* pass'd over into *Asia*; where tho' he could not but observe a vast Difference betwixt the Severity of the *Cretan* Discipline, and the Looseness and Effeminacy of the *Ionians*, yet he every where found something to add to his own Scheme. It was here he met with *Homer's* Works, of which some Fragments before lay scatter'd in a few private Hands: But it was through his means, that they were publish'd intire, and generally admir'd, tho' they still wanted that Order and Beauty, with which they afterwards appear'd in the World, and which was owing chiefly to the Care of *Solon*, and *Pisistratus*. From hence 'tis thought he went into *Egypt*: But as for his Travels into the more remote Parts of the World, and his Conferences with the *Gymnosophists* in the *Indies*, they are not sufficiently attested. But whilst he was making these Improvements abroad, he was mightily wanted at home; and all Parties, with the Consent of the Kings themselves, sent several formal Embassies to solicit his Return. For after the Murder of *Eunomus*, with other Tragical Effects of the Peoples late Insolence, every thing tended to Sedition and Anarchy; and such unavoidable Destruction threaten'd the State, that they plac'd their sole Confidence in *Lycurgus*, who had before given 'em such large Demonstrations of his Justice and Integrity.

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III. This was the Posture of Affairs when *Lycurgus* return'd; who finding the People generally dispos'd to receive any new Impressions,

ons, would lose no Time: And the Corruption being Universal, he found it necessary to change the whole Face of the Common-wealth. But considering how requisite a Shew of Religion is in such Cases to gain Credit and Authority, he went first to consult *Apollo* at *Delphi*, where the *Pythia* call'd him, *Beloved of the Gods, and rather God than Man*. To this famous Oracle he gave the Name of *Rhetra*, pretending to receive in it the Form of a Common-wealth, with an Assurance, that it should be the most flourishing of any in the World. Encourag'd by such happy Omens, he broke his Designs first to his particular Friends, and then by degrees gain'd others to his Party, 'till Things being ripe for Action, he order'd thirty of the principal Men to appear arm'd in the Market-place, to strike a Terror into those who oppos'd him. King *Charilaus* was alarm'd, and took Sanctuary in the Temple of *Minerva*, 'till being let into their Designs, and withal of a flexible Temper, he came out, and join'd in the Confederacy.

Having made this first necessary Step, he began at the Head of the State: And tho' he continu'd the two Kings with the same Right of Succession, he made sufficient Abatements in their Power by instituting a *Senate*, as a *He Institutes a Senate*. Counter-poise between the Prerogative and the People, their Business being to adhere to the weaker Side, 'till they reduc'd Things to an Equal Ballance. It consisted of twenty eight Persons besides the Kings, the first Choice being made out of those who had been assisting to *Lycurgus* in the Settlement; and after them were admitted the most Eminent for their private

vate Virtue, or their Services to the Publick, but none under sixty Years of Age. They were continu'd for Life, except upon any notorious Misdemeanor: Which as it prevented the Inconveniences of too frequent a Change in that Body, so it was a lasting Reward to the Old Men, and an Encouragement to the Young. They were the *Supreme Court of Judicature*; and tho' there lay an Appeal from them to the People, we find but few Instances of it, because they proceeded with such Deliberation and Caution, that they often staid several Days to see what further Evidence could be brought on either Side before they pass'd Sentence. And after all, they were not accountable for their Determinations; which *Aristotle* takes Notice of, as a larger Immunity, than is consistent with the just Form of a Commonwealth. When we consider further, that they had in Effect the whole *Executive Power* in their Hands, it will easily appear what Figure their Kings made, who are to be look'd upon but as the chief Members of the Senate, since they had not Authority to decree, or undertake any thing of Consequence, without a Majority on their Side. They had indeed some particular Respect and Deference paid to their Persons, having the chief Seats in the Assembly, giving their Opinion and Vote first; and *Herodotus* insinuates, that they had double Votes. But as to their particular Offices, they amounted to little more than the Reception of Ambassadors, and other Strangers, with the Care of Sacrifices, Oracles, Adoptions, Heiresses, and the High-ways. They were also liable to be call'd to Account for Male-administration,

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on, being formally try'd, and condemn'd according to the Nature of the Crime, only with a Reserve, which every private Citizen had, of appealing to the People. So that upon the whole, they had a more extensive Jurisdiction as Senators, than as Kings: For however they were sooth'd with the Title, and Shew of Majesty, they were in Effect much inferior to the *Roman Consuls*, and scarce so much as the present *Doges of Venice*. This was their Condition at Home: But in the Field they appear'd to a greater Advantage, where, as Generals of the Armies, they had a more absolute Command. They had to attend them a *General of the Horse*, with *Judges* in the nature of *Field-Deputies*, besides *Colonels*, and other inferior Officers, whom they advis'd with as their Council, but were free to act as they thought convenient. Not but they receiv'd their Orders from the State; which tho' they were for the most part discretionary, yet were they sometimes forc'd to march against an Enemy, or to return Home, when they least thought of it.

As to the Peoples Share in this new Settlement, they had their *Assemblies*, the *Lesser* consisting of the Citizens only, and the *Great one* of the whole Body of the *Lacedaemonians*, who were free of the State. But they were little more than meer Matter of Form: For the Senate assembled, and dismiss'd them when they pleas'd, and propos'd what they thought convenient; which the People had nothing to do but to ratifie, or reject, having not the Liberty to propose, debate, determine, or so much as to deliver their Opinion. To add to which,

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The Division of Lands.

they were left out of all the Offices in the State. So that they were very little Gainers by what the Kings lost, 'till *Lycurgus* made it up to 'em by his next Task, which seems the most difficult and hazardous of any he undertook; tho' it was indeed the chief Hinge upon which his whole Fabrick turn'd. This was his Division of the Lands, which had been engross'd chiefly by those who made their Advantage of the late troublesome Times. To these he represented the Convenience, and Necessity of having no Inequality or Distinction amongst them, but what Vice and Virtue made; and having the poor, and indigent, which were the Gros of the People, on his Side, prevail'd with 'em to renounce their Properties. Then taking an exact Survey of all *Laconia*, he divided it into thirty thousand equal Shares, allotting nine thousand to the City in Proportion to the Inhabitants, and the rest to the Country. Each Portion was sufficient to maintain a Family in that frugal manner he propos'd: And tho' the Kings had a larger Share assign'd 'em to support their Dignity, yet their Tables had rather an air of Decency and Competency, than of Superfluity and Luxury.

Gold and Silver prohibited.

But the Mony still lying unequally dispers'd, and the Law-giver considering, that must of Course bring the Lands again into few Hands, forbid the Use of Gold and Silver, instituting Iron Mony in the room of it. Which being current only at Home, and a great Quantity requir'd to make up a little Sum, this brought Mony into such Disuse, that few troubled themselves with more than to supply their common Necessities: And so by Consequence he banish'd

nish'd Avarice, Rapine and Luxury, with their long Train of Attendants: And the Reason why we meet with so few Courts of Judicature in *Sparta*, is, that by this Means he took away all Occasion of Law-Suits. This Project was laugh'd at by the other *Grecians*, as having cut off all Trade, and Merchandise: But *Lycurgus* had his Aim in it, since it serv'd not only to suppress all Trades and Arts at Home, which tended to Effeminacy and Excess, but also prevented the Importation of *Foreign Vanities*; and kept another Law in Force, which he made expressly against the Continuance of Strangers in the City, for fear of their corrupting the People, and breaking in upon his Constitution. And it was for the same Reasons, that he would not permit his own People to Travel.

His next Ordinance was level'd against private Luxury, that the Men should not eat at Home with their Families, but in one Common Hall without Distinction of Dignity, or Fortune. These Meetings were at first call'd *Andria*, (the Name the *Cretans* us'd, from whom the Custom was deriv'd) afterwards *Phiditia*, and *Syssitia*. Every one sent his Provisions in monthly, with a little Money for other Contingencies: But all such Things were forbid, which tended rather to pamper than nourish, one of their chief Dishes being the famous *Spartan Broth*, which was black, and not very palatable to those who were not us'd to it. This Way of Supping in Common was at first so strongly oppos'd, that *Lycurgus* was insulted about it, but when establish'd by Custom, it was strictly observ'd, and the Children were sent

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to these Tables, as to Schools of Temperance, and Conversation.

Lycurgus, by this Regulation of the State, intended that of Manners, as the only Means to support it, not thinking any one could make a good Citizen, who was not first a good Man. And as their Morals depended chiefly on Education, he took Care to instill such early Principles, that they should in a manner be born with a Sense of Order and Discipline. To this End he began from the very Time of their Conception, making it the Mother's Interest to use such Diet and Exercise, that she might produce Children of a robust, vigorous, and hardy Constitution. For if the Infant, upon a publick View at its Birth, was judged to be so deform'd, or weak, that it would prove rather a Burden, than a Benefit to it's Country, it was barbarously expos'd to perish in a Cavern near Mount *Taygetus*. Those who were free from these Defects, were deliver'd back to their Parents, and nurs'd with Hardship, and Severity in Diet, Cloaths, and every thing else, beyond what one would imagine Boys of that Age were capable of Bearing.

At seven Years old their Parents had in a manner done with them: For they were then reckon'd Children of the Publick, and accordingly assign'd over into *Classes*, or Companies, in which one more forward and experienc'd than the rest presid'd as Captain, to govern and chastise them, as he thought they deserv'd. For their very Sports and Exercises were regulated according to the exactest Discipline, and made up of Labour and Fatigue. They went bare-foot, with their Heads shav'd, and fought

fought with one another naked: And there was a yearly Custom of whipping them at the Altar of *Diana Taurica*, which they would bear patiently 'till the Blood ran, and sometimes with a strange sort of Emulation, 'till they dy'd upon the spot. *Plutarch* tells a Story of a Boy, who having stole a Fox, and hid it under his Coat, chose rather to let it tear out his very Bowels, than discover the Theft. For Stealing with them was lawful, and encourag'd as a piece of Military Exercise, but punishable if found out.

At twelve Years old they were remov'd into other *Companies* of the same Nature: Where, in order to crush the Seeds of Vice, which began at that Time to display themselves, their Labour and Discipline were increas'd with their Age. Here they had their *Padonomus*, The Padonomus. who was the general Inspector into their Behaviour, and under him the *Irens*, young Men The Irens. selected out of their own Body, one allotted to each Company, to exercise a more constant and immediate Command over them. Being now arriv'd to a more Manly and Martial sort of Exercise, they had their Skirmishes between Parties, and their Mock-fights, or rather real Engagements of greater Bodies: Of which the most eminent were the *Platanista*, (so call'd from the Place being set with Plane-Trees) where they fought with Hands, Feet, Teeth and Nails, and with such Courage and Obstinacy, that it was common with 'em to lose their Eyes, Limbs, and sometimes their Lives, before the Business was decided. Then as to the politick Part, they had their Watches, Guards, Ambuscades, with other Wiles and

Stratagems of War, to give them a Notion of what they were afterwards to do in the Field.

There was also due Care taken for the Improvement of their Minds: But as their chief Business was Action and Obedience, a moderate degree of Learning was thought sufficient; and they receiv'd their Instructions rather from Men than Books. To this End the gravest Citizens took a Pleasure in examining them, to try the Pregnancy of their Parts: And the *Irens* at Supper made 'em propose to one another variety of Questions, to which they were to give ready, clear, and short Answers. Which being improv'd into an Habit, it taught 'em a natural and graceful way of speaking, and furnish'd 'em with such a Presence of Mind, and Quickness of Thought, that they gave very surprising Turns to things, either by way of Repartee, or Apothegm, as the Subject would bear. This was the Foundation of that pithy Stile, which they afterwards retain'd, and was distinguish'd by the Name of the *Laconick*, being recommended by *Lycurgus* upon this Principle, *That few Laws would serve those, who us'd but few Words.* And tho' the *Spartans* were no Friends to Oratory, they were observ'd to deliver themselves as handsomely, and generally more to the purpose, than those who had gone through a formal course of Study, and us'd a long train of Arguments. For this concise manner of expressing themselves, detracted nothing from the Strength of their Thoughts, but rather gave them a greater Energy. It was an instructive Brevity; and its Beauty was, that there was more imply'd than

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than express'd. Such was the constant strict Discipline they under-went during their Minority, which we may conclude lasted 'till they were thirty Years of Age, since they could not before that time marry, go into the Army, or bear any Office in the State: And if they did not marry soon after that Form, they were publickly disgrac'd.

The Rules for the Education of Virgins were much of the same Stamp with that of the Boys, with very little Regard to the natural Softness of the Sex. They were inur'd to a constant course of Labour and Industry 'till they were twenty Years old, before which time they were not allow'd to be marriageable. They had also their Exercises of Running, Wrestling, Darting, and Throwing the Bar; most of which they perform'd naked and in publick: And yet this was thought so far from contributing to Vice, or Immodesty, that it was design'd as a Guard to Virtue, by appearing with such native Innocence and Simplicity. Their excelling in these Feats of Activity seems to have been the Foundation of that Sense of Honour, and Greatness of Spirit, of which the *Spartan* Women were Mistresses; and of which there is a notable Instance in *Gorgo*, the Wife of King *Leonidas*, who was told in Discourse with some Foreign Ladies, *That the Women of Lacedæmon were they only of the World, who had an Empire over the Men;* to which she briskly reply'd, *There was good Reason for it; for they were the only Women who brought forth Men.* In speaking of the Women, it is observable, that among other Provisions for Marriage, there was no Law against

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Adultery; and the Reason assign'd for it, is, that there was no such thing ever heard of in *Sparta*. But this looks like an Equivocation: For whatever Name they gave it, the Thing was certainly practis'd, and in a manner authoriz'd. It was by way of Borrowing and Exchanging with their Neighbours for a Time by Consent: So that if a Woman lik'd another Man better than her Husband, the Pretence was always at hand, to mend the Breed, without the Inconveniencies of a Divorce. The Case was much the same on the Man's side: And one Reason of allowing this mutual Liberty, was not so much to gratifie Lust, as to remove so fruitless and racking a Pain, as that of Jealousie. These were the Methods *Lycurgus* took for the training up of Youth, and making early and deep Impressions of Virtue. He knew how near Custom and Education approach'd to Nature; and therefore it was from thence only, that he promis'd to himself a lasting Settlement of the State. Which seems to have been the chief Reason, why he would never reduce his Laws to Writing.

Other Miscellaneous Laws.

He laid down other general Maxims, in the Nature of Laws: As that they should not often make War upon the same Enemies, for fear of learning them their Discipline, 'till in Time they came to be the Aggressors. Another was, that the City should not be wall'd, saying, *He would have a Wall of Men instead of Brick*: And indeed their Way of Discipline kept them so constantly on their Guard, and so in a Body, that it was hardly possibly for them to be surpris'd; the Tilling of the Grounds, and all other servile Drudgery, being left

left to the *Helots*. It was not lawful to sell any of these Slaves into Foreign Countries, or to make 'em Free: So that their continual Encrease gave Umbrage to the State, and occasion'd the *Cryptia*, or *Secret Act*; by which it was order'd, that several Companies of young Men should now and then be dispatch'd into the Country, who lying conceal'd all Day in the Thickets, were to rush out upon 'em in the Night, and kill all they could lay their Hands on. This is generally ascrib'd to *Lycurgus*; tho' *Plutarch* says, he was of too mild a Disposition to authorize such a Barbarity. And indeed it seems more probable, that this Ordinance was of a later Date in the Time of the *Ephori*, who proclaim'd War against 'em. But 'tis certain, that at this Time they were us'd more like Beasts than Men of the same Society, being often made drunk, and carry'd into their publick Halls to expose Vice. This severe Treatment of 'em occasion'd a Saying, that, *He who was Free in Sparta, was most so; and a Slave there, was the greatest Slave in the World.*

Such was the Form of the Common-wealth instituted by *Lycurgus*; wherein his Success answer'd, or rather exceeded his very Wishes. For it cannot easily be imagin'd, how so sudden and universal a Change could be wrought by one who had nothing but his single Virtue to oppose against two Kings in Possession of the Throne. Nor is it less surprizing, that a *Pagan*, who was indeed too indulgent to Adultery, Theft, and, in some Cases, to Murder it self, should in the rest approach so near to *Christian Morality*, as sometimes to overtake it.

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The Effects of this Change:

With a short Survey of the New Settlement.

The Effects of this Change being too material to omit, and too many to enumerate, will best appear by taking a short Survey of the Whole, with the general Advantages that accru'd by it. Things being put upon so equal a Foot, there was no Matter left for private Debates and Animosities; Every Member of the State had nothing to do but to attend the Publick; and as they conspir'd to the general Good, they found their own in it. In lieu of their Mony, which they had parted with, they were possess'd of more inexhaustible Treasures: And of all their Wealth, nothing was esteem'd more precious than their Time. They had their constant Employments suited to all Ages, and Capacities; and were so far from considering Labour as base and servile, that they embrac'd it as the Occupation of a Man sincerely free. This Love of it interdicted all Plays even to Children; and the Soldier was not suffer'd to walk at his leisure Hours. In short, every Moment was devoted to Virtue; and it was a sort of Sacrilege to let the least Particle of it slip by unemploy'd. They were good Husbands even of their Words; so that a single Syllable often serv'd for an Answer to the most important Dispatches. Some of their Neighbours having sent 'em a threatening Message, *That if they got into their Country, they would put all to Fire and Sword,* they return'd Answer, *If.* Their very Silence was expressive and emphatical. They observ'd the strictest Rules of Temperance; so that Wine was seldom us'd among them, and a Wheaten Loaf was reckon'd among their Dainties. There was no such thing as Splendor or Magnificence in
Sparta.

Sparta. To go differently cloath'd, according to the Seasons of the Year, was there look'd on as a criminal Effeminacy: Even the Sex that is most curious in the ornamental Part, studied only that of the Mind. They sacrific'd all sorts of Luxury to the Liberty of the Mind; and conceiv'd as great an Aversion to Sloth and Voluptuousness, as we naturally have to Pain and Grief. For this and other prevailing Reasons, the Diversions of the Theatre were not privileg'd, lest they should accustom their Eyes to behold the Representation of what was condemn'd by their Law, or their Ears to be polluted with the Apology of guilty Passions. The Law rul'd with an equal Authority over the Rich and the Poor: Their Kings valu'd themselves upon their Subjection to it, and distinguish'd themselves only by a stricter Obedience. Merit appear'd in every Age and Sex. Youth had no need to wait for the Lessons of Experience, which were supply'd by Institution and Example; whereby Women became capable of the most elevated Virtues. The Love of their Country silenc'd all maternal Softness, and made the Mother, when she heard her Son was slain in the Service of the Publick, regulate her Grief, according as the Wounds he receiv'd, were shameful, or honourable. After the strict Discipline they had undergone at Home, they met with nothing terrible in the Field; and were *The only People in the World, to whom War gave Repose.* From hence it was, that they proceeded with a well-grounded deliberate Valour to an Engagement, and propos'd no End of it, but Death, or Victory. The Reputation of so
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extraordinary a Merit prevail'd with the Kings of *Agypt*, and *Phenicia* to pay a sort of Homage to them, and testifie their Submission in most solemn Embassies. Nor were the *Grecians* themselves less struck with Esteem and Reverence for them, being persuaded that to attend them, was to follow Justice and Reason, and to pursue their own Honour and Interest. For Tyranny met in *Lacedaemon* with most terrible and implacable Enemies; Liberty, faithful and indefatigable Protectors. By this means *Sparta* exercis'd that Empire over the other States of *Greece*, which her Virtue had given her: And so long as she govern'd by that Title, was revered as the *Mother of Nations*, *Protectress of the Common Cause*, and *Supream Judge of all Differences*. For all which she neither receiv'd, nor exacted any other Tribute, than that of Esteem, Love, Trust and Admiration.

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Her Constitution however was not without its Faults. I have mention'd some notorious ones as to the Moral Part: And the Government in general carry'd such an Air of Horror with it, that it was rather admir'd, than imitated. Their strict Discipline was harden'd into a Moroseness of Temper; so that they knew not how to abate of their Rigour upon Occasion, but extended the same harsh Severity to their Allies, which they us'd towards one another. Besides, there was no Peace, nor Truce observ'd in a Common-wealth devoted to Arms, and whose very Constitution was War. This by degrees made their Government distasteful; and favour'd the Ambition of the *Athenians* their Rivals, and indeed their Reverse: Who had liv'd a great while without any Thoughts of

of Command; but at last exerted themselves, (as will appear by the Sequel of the Story) and drew both their own, and their Neighbours Necks out of the Collar.

But to return to *Lycurgus*, when he had finish'd his Scheme, and found the Commonwealth able to support it self, he drew an Oath from the whole Body of the Senate and People to observe his Laws 'till his Return; and going to *Delphi*, as some say, to enquire whether he had omitted any thing necessary to the Preservation of the State, there starv'd himself. Others say he dy'd in *Crete*, ordering his Body to be burnt, and his Ashes thrown into the Sea. We can only conclude he dy'd in a voluntary Exile; and perhaps it was not known where, lest being transported back to *Sparta* either alive or dead, the People should make it a Pretence of freeing themselves from their Oath, and cancel his Laws. But they bore no less Respect to his Memory, than to his Person: They built a Temple, and paid Divine Honours to him; and yet *Aristotle* thinks it was less than he deserved. He was certainly a Person of exquisite Justice and Moderation, as well as Prudence. No body had a better Right to prescribe Laws to a Kingdom, than he, who could refuse one, when it was in a manner forc'd upon him; and who run a greater Risque by declining the Offer, than he would have done by accepting it. He was not more remarkable in the Invention of his Laws, than in recommending them by his Example; since he ordain'd nothing to oblige others, which he did not punctually observe himself. And that he was equally as desirous to perpetuate the Happiness

The Death of Lycurgus.

His Character.

piness of the State, as to advance it for the present, appears from his voluntary Retirement, and the Manner of his Death.

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With this Settlement by *Lycurgus*, we may conclude the second State of *Lacedæmon*, after it had continu'd between two and three hundred Years in a regular Succession of the two Families of *Eurysthenes*, and *Procles*. Whatever further Alterations it underwent, by which it inclin'd more towards a *Democracy*; yet the Regal Power was already so limited, that we are to look upon the present Establishment rather as a

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Common-wealth, than a Kingdom: And therefore we shall not mention the succeeding Kings in any Order, as Kings, but only with Relation to some principal Actions which they were concern'd in, either as chief Officers of the State, or Generals of the Army. But tho' we have brought the *Spartan* Story down to this Period, it seems necessary to prosecute it a little further, so as to take into our Account the *Messenian* War; which being the chief Action of Note between the *Trojan* and *Persian* Wars, requires somewhat of a distinct Relation; but had too little Dependence upon the other Affairs of *Greece* to be interwoven with them, and falls more properly under our present Consideration of *Sparta*, as a separate State.

IV. The *Lacedæmonians*, soon after the Death of their Law-giver, grew impatient for Action; and renewing the War formerly begun with the *Argives* about their Confines, King *Charilaus* enter'd their Country with Fire and Sword. Some few Years after, they fell upon the *Tegæate* of *Arcadia*, who also border'd upon 'em,
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grounding their Confidence of Success upon the Oracle, which had told 'em they should measure the *Arcadian* Ground with a *Rope*. Accordingly they took their Ropes with 'em, with which they fancy'd they were to bind their Enemies as they took them. But they were shamefully deluded in their Interpretation: For the *Tegeata*, both Men and Women, oppos'd and routed them, took many of them Prisoners, and bound 'em with their own Ropes. *Charilaus* was also taken, but soon releas'd upon his Oath never to fight more against 'em. Yet he had after this an Hand in the Destruction of *Ægys*, and other neighbouring Cities belonging to the *Achaëans*, which were thought to side with the *Tegeata*.

The Collegue of *Charilaus* for some Time was *Teleclus*, the Son of *Archelaus*, whose Death happen'd thus. There was a Temple of *Diana* frequented by the *Lacedæmonians* and *Messenians*, as standing upon their Borders, and in common to Both. The *Messenians* attempted the Chastity of some *Spartan* Virgins who were there attending the Solemnity, and kill'd *Teleclus*, who interpos'd in their Defence. *The Death of Teleclus.* The *Messenians* give it a quite different Turn, and say it was a Plot of *Teleclus* to surprize them; that they discover'd these Virgins to be young Men thus disguis'd with Daggers under their Cloaths, and therefore dispatch'd both them and their Incendiary. 'Tis certain *Teleclus* was kill'd in the Tumult; and what makes it look like Treachery on the *Lacedæmonians* side, is, that the Thing was presently hush'd up without endeavouring to revenge his Death: However this was afterwards consider'd as one remote Cause

Cause of the *Messenian War*. *Alcamenes* was the Successor of *Teleclus*, and *Nicander* of *Charilaus*; which latter kept on Foot his Father's Quarrel with the *Argives*, and made successful Inroads into their Country. It was also in the four and thirtieth Year of his Reign, and the thirty seventh of his Colleague, that the first *Olympiad* was celebrated: Of which Institution we shall speak more at large in the Story of *Athens*, and only apply it here as a Date to the principal Events.

To *Nicander* succeeded *Theopompus*; to whose Reign may be referr'd another great Change in the *Spartan* Government, by the Creation of the *Ephori*; which some assign to *Lycurgus*, as a Part of his Settlement. But his Scheme had too much of the *Aristocracy* in it to admit of these Popular Magistrates: And that he was no Friend to *Democracy*, appears by the Answer he made to one who was highly commending that sort of Government, *Go, says he, and set it up first in your own House*. So that it does not appear by whom the *Ephori* were created, or with what Design. But *Theopompus* himself seems to have been consenting, or rather instrumental in the Institution of this Office; and 'tis said *Elatus* first exercis'd it by his Appointment. However, he propos'd them as a Curb to the Citizens: And being reproach'd by his Queen, that *He would leave the Royal Authority weaker than he found it*, he told her, *He should leave it more lasting, and by Consequence more solid*. Some will have 'em design'd as Assistants, and others as a Bridle to the Kings: But *Lycurgus* had left them so small a Share of the Administration, that the *Ephori*

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could not be of much Use in either of these Capacities. 'Tis most probable that the Senate had in the Course of an hundred Years extended its Power, and bore too hard upon the People; who not being satisfy'd with the Change of obeying thirty Masters instead of two, procur'd the Establishment of these Officers, who were to represent things on their Behalf, so as to cultivate and maintain a good Understanding between them, and the Regency. The Reason of assigning them so many different Offices, is, because they were employ'd as *Inspectors*, to inquire into the Conduct both of the Magistracy, and the People. But they were chiefly to protect the Liberties of the People; who therefore chose them out of their own Body, without Distinction of Birth, or Fortune, it being a sufficient Qualification, that they were bold, and popular, and averse to arbitrary Proceedings. However moderate their Power at first was, in Process of Time it was so enlarg'd, that Affairs of the last Consequence pass'd through their Hands, all the Magistrates in general, and the Kings themselves being accountable to them. By which Means they seem'd to have erected a sort of Tyranny, which threaten'd greater Disorders, than those they were design'd to remedy. But they had also their Curbs: The Kings and they took a mutual Oath every Month; the first in their own Names, to rule according to the Laws, and the latter in the Name of the People, to preserve their Authority to 'em safe and intire. For which Reason the *Ephori* thought themselves oblig'd in all pressing Conjunctions to make the People agree to what had been before

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judg'd requisite for the common Interest. And as there were five of them, (the first of which was call'd *Eponymus*, upon the same Account as the *Archon* at *Athens*) one was an Awe upon another; and nothing could be done without the Consent of the Whole, or at least of a Majority. But the greatest Security to the State was, that they were chosen annually. With these Restrictions, they serv'd as a *Cement* to join the several Orders of the State, and were therefore call'd, *The Nerves of the Commonwealth*. The Balance was held for the most part so equal, that the supream Authority did not degenerate into Fierceness and Tyranny, nor popular Liberty start out into Licentiousness and Rebellion: And it is imputed to this *Medium* betwixt an excessive Subjection, and an excessive Freedom, that *Sparta* was so long preserv'd from those domestick Dissentions, which harass'd her Neighbours.

Whatever Concessions *Theopompus* had made in Favour of the People, they were again restrain'd by an Artifice of him, and his Colleague *Polydorus*: Who perceiving they had got Ground since the Death of *Lycurgus*, and began to make Glosses, and Interpretations of the Laws, contrary to the true Sense and Intent of them, inserted a Clause into the *Rhetra*, and made it pass for Authentick, *That if the People should go about to make any Alterations in the Decrees of the Senate, by perverting the Sense of them, or otherwise, it should be lawful for the Kings to make void their Proceedings, and dissolve the Assembly.*

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V. It was also in *Theopompus* his Reign, that the first *Messenian War* broke out; to which the Death of *Teleclus*, and several other Things contributed: But it was chiefly grounded on an old hereditary Pique between the two Nations, ever since the Division of their Territories made by the *Heraclidae*. For the *Lacedamonians* had often complain'd, that *Cresphontes*, Uncle to *Eurysthenes*, got *Messenia* by a Stratagem; which being the best Country, they thought they had too much Merit on their Side, to leave them in a quiet Possession. There being so much Rancour and Ambition at the bottom, every trivial Accident serv'd to widen the Breach, 'till it came to an open Rupture. Such was that which is recorded as the more immediate Cause of this War. *Polychares* a *Messenian*, who had won the Prize in the *Olympick Games*, let out some Cows to Pasture to *Euaphnus* a *Lacedamonian*, who was to pay himself for their keeping with a Share of the Encrease. *Euaphnus* sold the Cows, pretending they were stole from him: And being afterwards found out, kill'd *Polychares*'s Son, who was sent to demand the Mony for 'em. *Polychares* had often made his Complaint at *Sparta*, and demanded Justice; 'till finding he was still put off without any Hopes of Redress, he grew so incens'd, that he kill'd all the *Lacedamonians* he could lay his Hands on. Then the *Lacedamonians* in their Turn remonstrated at *Messene*, and demanded *Polychares*; who not being given up, it became a national Quarrel: Tho' it still look'd fairest on the *Messenians* Side, who offer'd to refer it either to the *Argives* as their common Kinsmen, or to the *Amphictyones*, or

The Grounds of the first Messenian War.

else to the Senate of *Areopagus*. To have it made up, was not what the *Lacedaemonians* propos'd; however they kept the Business in Suspence, by returning no Answer; and in the mean time made secret Provisions for the War, obliging themselves by Oath not to return 'till they had subdu'd *Messenia*.

It broke out. Accordingly in the second Year of the ninth *Olympiad*, they set out by Night under the *A. M.* Conduct of *Alcamenes*; and without any Declaration of War surpriz'd *Amphæa*, a Frontier Town of great Importance, wherein they put all to the Sword; and having left a Guard in it as a Place of Retreat, made further Incursions, plundering and ravaging the Country to subsist their Men. The *Messenians*, finding themselves not in a Condition to oppose them, contented themselves with some small Reprisals upon the Coasts of *Laconia*. But after four Years they were sufficiently rous'd, and prepar'd for them; and *Euphaes* their King drew his Army down to the Borders to offer 'em Battel, which the *Lacedaemonians* accepted, and fought upon equal Terms 'till they were parted by the Night: And the next Day finding the greatest Part of the *Messenian* Army strongly intrench'd, and themselves not in a Condition to force their Camp, return'd home.

The first Battel fought with equal Success.

But being upbraided by their Countrymen with the Violation of their Oath, they went again the next Year to make their utmost Efforts under the Conduct of both the Kings, *Theopompus*, and *Polydorus* the Son of *Alcamenes*, now dead. They found their Enemy ready to receive 'em; and a Battel ensu'd, wherein the Advantage which the *Spartans* had as well in

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in Numbers as Discipline, was so well supply'd by the desperate Valour of the *Messenians*, that things were again upon a pretty equal Foot. In the Right Wing *Enphaes* put *Theopompus* to Flight, and in the Left *Polydorus* had the better: But the Main Body maintain'd the Conflict so long, and so doubtfully, that both Parties at last gave off as it were by Consent, and neither claim'd the Victory. The next Day they bury'd their Dead, and did not care to put it to a second Trial: So that if the *Lacedaemonians* had any Advantage, they were too much disorder'd themselves to pursue it, especially in an Enemies Country.

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The *Messenians* now began to labour under the usual Inconveniences of having their Country the Seat of the War. This occasion'd great Scarcity of Money and Provisions, and Desertion to the Enemy; to add to which, there was a Mortality among them. So that being oblig'd to evacuate most of their straggling Towns, they retir'd into *Ithome*, a Town strongly situated upon an high Mountain, and fortify'd it so as to secure 'em against any sudden Attempt. This Retreat gave 'em Respite for some Years: And in that Time they sent to *Delphi*, to know the further Event of the War. The Oracle demanded a Virgin for a Sacrifice of the Family of *Apytus*, the Son of *Cresphontes*; and the Lot fell upon the Daughter of *Lyciscus*; who being thought to be supposititious, *Aristodemus* offer'd his Daughter. A young Man in Love with her, endeavour'd to save her, by alledging she was with Child by him: But her Father was so enrag'd, that he ripp'd up her Belly with his own Hand, and

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publickly vindicated her Innocence. The Priest would not allow of this as a just Sacrifice, 'till *Euphaes* oppos'd him, saying, *It was no Matter how, or by whom she was kill'd; and that the Oracle requir'd no more Blood.* Some Years after *Lyciscus*, who had fled to *Sparta* with his Daughter, where she dy'd, was taken, and try'd at *Ithome* as a Deserter; but was acquitted by the voluntary Confession of the Priestess of *Juno's* Temple, who own'd the Child to be hers, and that she had secretly convey'd it to *Lyciscus's* Wife: Wherein she was easily credited, because by this Confession she could propose nothing less than the immediate Forfeiture of her Priesthood.

The *Lacedamonians* being now injur'd to Action, took this Opportunity of a Cessation with the *Messenians*, to renew their old Contest with the *Argives*, about *Thyrea* situate in the Confines, and claim'd by both. But the Matter being referr'd to the *Amphictyones*, they order'd 'em to dismiss their Armies, and decide it with three hundred Men of a Side. Of the *Argives*, there were but two who surviv'd the Conflict; and of the *Lacedamonians*, only *Othryades*; who yet liv'd no longer, than to erect a Trophy of the Enemies Shields, and make an Inscription on it with his own Blood: For whose Sake the Town was adjudg'd to the *Lacedamonians*. The *Argives*, thinking they had not Justice done 'em, kept their Pretensions on Foot, and (as *Herodotus* says) engag'd afresh, and were worsted: But he seems to have mistaken this for another Battel, which happen'd some considerable Time after.

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But the Quarrel being adjusted for the present, the *Lacedemonians* turn'd their Arms again upon the *Messenians*: And eight Years after the Removal to *Ithome* there happen'd another sharp Engagement, which continu'd 'till Night, with the same doubtful Success as before, except that *Euphaes* venturing too far against *Theopompus*, was almost taken by his Party, but rescu'd, and carry'd into his Tent, where in a few Days he dy'd of his Wounds. He, leaving no Children, was succeeded by *Aristodemus*, as the most popular Pretender. He immediately form'd a Confederacy with the *Argives*, *Arcadians*, and *Sicyonians*; and the *Lacedemonians* had some Assistance from *Corinth*. Yet nothing happen'd for five Years, but IncurSIONS into one another's Territories; which at last ended in a fourth general Engagement of both Parties with their Allies; where, in the *Messenians*, being inferior in Number, had posted themselves with their Backs to *Ithome*, to secure a Retreat: And a Party which lay in Ambush; pouring in upon the *Lacedemonians* in the heat of the Action, gall'd them so in their Flank, that after a very warm Dispute, many of them were kill'd, and the rest put to flight.

A third Engagement.

Euphaes the Messenian King mortally wounded.

A fourth general Engagement.

The *Lacedemonians* having in this Battel lost the Flower of their Army, despair'd of doing any thing by dint of fighting, and therefore had Recourse to Wiles and Stratagems; and the rather, because the Oracle told 'em, that as *Messenia* was at first obtain'd by an Artifice, so it was to be recover'd. But the Cunning and Vigilance of *Aristodemus* defeated all their Designs, 'till at last the Siege of *Ithome* gave a sudden

Ithome besieged.

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sudden Turn to their Affairs. Whilst the *Messenians* were by this Means closely block'd up, and cut off from all manner of Provisions, *Aristodemus* was so stung with Remorse, for that he had sacrific'd his Child for his Country's Good, and yet could not obtain it, that he kill'd himself at her Grave. He had done all that was possible to preserve his sinking Country; and it was no Objection to his Merit, that he had not Fortune in his Power. With him fell the *Messenian* Kingdom: And the Loss of him so heighten'd the Despair of his Subjects, that they thought of nothing but throwing themselves at their Enemies Mercy. And tho' upon second Thoughts they propos'd to make a Sally, and fight it out to the last Man, yet their Hearts fail'd them, and they chose rather to submit to Hunger, and many other pressing Necessities, for five Months. After which, being able to subsist no longer, they yielded upon such Terms, as the Conquerors pleas'd to impose on them; one chief Article being, that they should till their Ground, and send half the Encrease to *Sparta*. *Ithome* was demolished, and the rest of the Towns submitted; tho' some of the Inhabitants fled to their Neighbours, who had been assisting to them in the War, rather than they would live at Home in a Condition little better than that of Slaves to *Sparta*. Thus ended the first *Messenian* War, in the first Year of the fourteenth *Olympiad*, after it had continu'd, with some little Interruptions, about twenty Years.

The end of
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Messenian
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We must not omit one memorable Passage of the *Lacedæmonians* in this War, who having drain'd their City of Men, and oblig'd themselves

selves not to return 'till their Designs were accomplish'd, the Women in the mean while remonstrated to them, that their Posterity would fail, whilst they spent thus upon the quick Stock, and took no care for a Recruit. To remedy which Inconvenience, they detach'd fifty of the likeliest young Fellows in the Army, to go to *Sparta*, and lye promiscuously with all the young Women they fancy'd. The Off-spring of these Virgins were from them call'd *Partheniæ*; who finding themselves contemptu'd and slighted by the *Spartans* upon their Return, as a spurious Brood, join'd some Years after in an Insurrection with the *Helots*, but were soon suppress'd; and being expell'd the State, went under the Conduct of their Captain *Phalantus* into *Italy*, and settled themselves in *Tarentum*.

The Partheniæ.

VI. The *Messenians* groaning under the severe and insolent Treatment of their new Masters, were forc'd to stay 'till they had in some Measure repair'd their Losses, before they could hope to throw off the Yoke. Which after thirty nine Years they attempted by a general Revolt, chiefly at the Instigation of *Aristomenes*, a young Man of extraordinary Courage and Capacity, who manag'd the whole Business for 'em, and had before-hand engag'd the *Argives* and *Arcadians* on their side. Thus the second *Messenian War* broke out, in the fourth Year of the twenty third *Olympiad*, at which time *Anaxander*, Grandson of *Polydorus*, and *Anaxidamus*, Great Grandson of *Theopompus*, were Kings of *Sparta*. The first A-

The second Messenian War broke out.

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Action happen'd a Year after the Revolt, at *Dera*, a *Messenian* Village, where the *Messenians* thought it sufficient, that they lost no Ground; and this they ascrib'd to the prodigious Valour of *Aristomenes*; who being of the Line of *Æpytus*, they would have chose him King, which Title he declin'd for that of General; and as such he commanded with full Power. In the mean while the Oracle at *Delphi* being consulted by the *Lacedamonians*, they were advis'd to apply themselves to *Athens*, for one to preside over their Affairs in the Nature of a Counsellor. The *Athenians* were very jealous of their getting too great a footing in *Peloponnesus*: But to shew some kind of Obedience to the Oracle, and some Sense of the Honour done to their City, they sent *Tyræus*, a lame, crack-brain'd Poet and School-Master, whose chief Business was to Harangue, and repeat Verses. How great soever this Man might be in other Respects, he made a very ridiculous Figure in the Army, and seems rather to have been sent in Contempt of the *Spartans*, who nevertheless were glad to receive him; for looking upon him as the Messenger of the Fates, they desir'd no other Qualification, than his being lent them by the *Athenians*. The next Year, at a Place call'd the *Boar's Monument*, happen'd another long and obstinate Fight, wherein both Parties had their old Allies. *Aristomenes* at last routed the *Lacedamonians*; but losing his Shield in the Pursuit, gave them an Opportunity of escaping. Upon this Success he began to Act offensively; and making IncurSIONS into *Laconia*, took a Town call'd

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call'd *Phara*, and plunder'd it; then routed *Anaxander*, who oppos'd his Passage; and intending to make directly to *Sparta*, was deterr'd from that Attempt by a fancy'd Apparition of *Helena*, and her Brothers *Castor* and *Pollux*, who were look'd upon as the *Guardian Deities* of that State.

The *Lacedemonians* however were so dispirited, that they had Thoughts of clapping up a Peace. To prevent which, *Tyrtaeus* now exerted all his Power of Insinuation; and by his continual Lectures of Honour and Courage, deliver'd in moving Verse to the Army, animated them to such a degree, that they resolv'd upon another Attack. With this Design they recruited their Army with the *Helots*, promising them the Widows of those that should be kill'd; and ventur'd upon another Action the next Year at the *Great Ditch*. The *Messenians* had only the *Arcadians* to assist 'em; whose King *Aristocrates* being corrupted by the Enemy, drew off his Men as the Fight began, and left them an easie Prey to the *Lacedemonians*, who cut off most of the Men, with many of the *Messenian* Nobility. But *Aristomenes* himself having escap'd their Fury, pick'd up the shatter'd Remains of his Army, and retir'd with 'em into a Castle upon Mount *Eira*; to secure which, he fortify'd *Pylus*, and *Methone* towards the Sea, abandoning all the Inland Towns. The *Messenians* were not so block'd up, but *Aristomenes* forc'd his Passage; and with a select Body of three hundred Men, rang'd up and down the Country, laying all waste before him, took *Amycla* by Surprise, and gave the Enemy such Diversions, that they

The third
at the
Great
Ditch.
Olymp.
24. 3.

Aristome-
nes taken.
Olym. 25.2

they could not carry on the Siege. But in one of these Skirmishes being engag'd with the two *Spartan* Kings, he with fifty of his Company were taken Prisoners, carry'd to *Sparta*, and thrown into the common Malefactors Dungeon. They were all kill'd with the Fall but *Aristomenes*; who finding a Fox at the Bottom preying upon a Carcass, clapp'd one Hand upon his Mouth to secure himself, and with the other caught him fast hold by the Tail; upon which the Beast made directly to his Hole, and conducted him, 'till the Way being too narrow for 'em both, he let the Fox go, and following the Tract with his Eye, perceiv'd a little Glimmering from above, and work'd himself out. After this miraculous, and almost incredible Escape, he repair'd immediately to *Eira*, where in a Sally by Night he fell upon the *Corinthian* Forces, kill'd the Captains, and plunder'd their Tents. He was after this taken by some *Cretans*, who also assisted in the Siege: But his Keepers being made drunk, he stabb'd 'em with their own Daggers, and return'd to his Company.

His mira-
culous E-
scape.

Eira taken.

The Siege in the mean while was very little advanc'd: But it happen'd the eleventh Year after the taking of *Aristomenes*, in a very dark rainy Night, that the Centinels thinking all safe, deserted their Posts; which the Enemy having Notice of by a *Spartan*, who had an Intrigue with a *Messenian* Woman, rush'd in immediately upon them, and surpriz'd the Castle. The Besieg'd took the Alarm, and maintain'd an obstinate Fight all the next Day: But being at last press'd with Numbers, *Aristomenes* chose rather to quit the Place upon such honourable

nourable Terms, than sacrifice the last Remains of his Army. The *Arcadians* were so far from abandoning their old Friends in this Extremity, that they went out to meet them with Provisions, and make them an Offer of settling among 'em. But *Aristomenes*, who could not yet resolve with himself to give up all for lost, pick'd out a Body of five hundred, whom he thought least desirous to survive their Country's Ruin, and ask'd 'em, *If they would once more venture their Lives with him.* Upon their Answer, *That they would,* he broke his Designs to 'em of going to surprize *Sparta*, whilst its chief Strength was employ'd in the Plunder of *Messenia*, telling 'em, *That Success would put Things again upon an equal Foot; and that the worst that could happen, was an honorable Death.* Three hundred *Arcadians* join'd with 'em in the Enterprize: But just as they were preparing, they found their Hopes again blasted by *Aristocrates*, who being still in Fee with *Sparta*, sent Word immediately to King *Anaxander*; for which a Letter of Thanks was return'd both for his timely Notice in this Affair, and for his past Service in the Battel of the *Ditch*. This Letter being intercepted, his whole Treachery was laid open; upon which his own Subjects stoned him to Death, and erected a Pillar to perpetuate his Infamy. However this Disappointment after the taking of *Eira*, put an End to the second *Messenian* War, which had continu'd almost eighteen Years from the Revolt, and been carry'd on with doubtful Success most part of the Time. Whatever Service *Tyrtæus* had done in this War, the *Lacedæmonians* were not ungrateful; and as

The End of the second Messenian War.
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Olym. 28. 1.
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one part of his Reward they made him Free of their City: Upon which occasion, *Pausanias*, the Son of *Cleombrotus*, being afterwards ask'd, *How the Spartans came to do him this Honour*, he answer'd, *Because they would not be thought ever to have made use of a Foreign General*. But it may be more to his Advantage to consider him as a Man of Letters, than of Arms; for 'tis certain his Poetry bears the first Place in his Character. His Works were the Polity of the *Lacedamonians*, Moral Precepts in Elegiack Verse, and five Books of War Verses.

The Death
of Aristomenes.

The *Messenians* were very desirous to settle themselves in other Parts, under the Conduct of *Aristomenes*: But he committed them to the Care of his Sons; and throwing himself among a Body of *Spartans* near *Eira*, was kill'd; tho' others say, that being a sworn Enemy to *Sparta*, he continu'd several Years in those Parts, in hopes of an Opportunity to revenge himself, and at last dy'd in *Rhades*, where he had marry'd a Daughter. However, it is certain he liv'd and dy'd with the Reputation of as much personal Bravery, and Love of his Country, as any Man at that time in *Greece*. He had thrice in this War perform'd the *Hecatombonia*, a Sacrifice due to those who in the Battel had kill'd an hundred of the Enemy with their own Hands. The *Spartans* conceiv'd such a Dread of him, that even after *Eira* was taken, they were glad to open a Passage for him, and he march'd out rather as a Conqueror, than like one who was making his Escape. Whilst the *Messenians* were considering how to dispose of themselves, they were invited by *Anaxilas*, Prince of *Rhegium*, whose Ancestors were *Messe-*

Messenians, and had seated themselves in *Italy* upon their Defeat in the first *Messenian War*. He told them, he was at War with the *Zanclean*s, a People of *Sicily*; and that if they would assist him in subduing them, he would deliver the Town into their Hands. Accordingly he transported 'em into *Sicily*, where being possess'd of *Zancle*, they incorporated themselves with the Inhabitants, because they were also originally *Grecians*; but destroying the old Town, built a new one about a Mile distant, and gave it the Name of *Messene*, which it still retains. *Greece* was at this time so well peopled, that it was common upon any little Pique, or ill Success in a Battel, to throw themselves out in Colonies; which by this means were planted not only in *Sicily* and *Italy*, but several other Parts of *Europe* and *Asia*. But to avoid Tedioufness and Repetition, we shall mention the chief of 'em in their proper Places, and return to the *Messenians*; many of whom, through Age or Poverty, were still left at home, and inroll'd among the *Spartan Helots*; and it seems chiefly upon their Account, that these Slaves met with such severe Treatment. For they were apt to rebel, and struggle with their Chains; but were forc'd to bear 'em above two hundred Years. And it is strange, that all that time, an enslaved, banished, and dispersed Nation should retain their Name, Customs, and Language, with their Hatred to *Sparta*, and Love of their Country, and at last meet with an Opportunity of returning to it, and being thoroughly re-instated.

However the present Accession of this Country to the *Spartans* Territory serv'd to raise their

The Messenians seated in Sicily.

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Olym. 29.1.

their Credit and Power; and they were not long possess'd of it, before they led their Army into *Arcadia*, and renew'd their old Dispute with the *Argives*. But nothing happen'd very remarkable in these private Quarrels with their Neighbours; and as for their publick Transactions with other States, they are to be referr'd to the more intire Body of the *Grecian Story*.

C H A P. IV.

*The Kingdom, and Aristocracy of
Corinth, to the intire Subversion
of the Regal Power.*

Containing the Space of about 900 Years.

I. *Corinth*, from a little obscure Town call'd
founded by *Ephyra*, was rais'd into a Kingdom by
Sisyphus. *Sisyphus* about the 2500th Year of the World.
 This is he who is condemn'd by the Poets to
 the endless Labour of rolling a great Stone up
 a Hill, for having discover'd one of *Jupiter's*
Glaucus. Intrigues. To his Son *Glaucus* is generally
 ascrib'd the Institution of the *Isthmian Games*.
Bellerophon. *Glaucus* was Father of *Bellerophon*, who having
 kill'd a Man at *Corinth*, fled to *Pratus* King of
Argos; whose Wife *Sthenobea* falling in Love
 with him, and being repuls'd, accus'd him to
 her Husband of an intended Rape: Which
 Story is observ'd to agree with that of *Joseph*,
 and his *Egyptian* Mistress; as indeed many of
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the Fables of Antiquity, however they are wrested and disguis'd by the Poets, seem to have been founded upon better Authority, than is generally produc'd for them. *Pratus*, as he had hitherto protect'd him, would not violate the Laws of Hospitality by killing him, but sent him to his Wife's Father then reigning in *Lycia*, to dispose of him as he thought he deserv'd. He put him upon many difficult Enterprises; wherein his most noted Encounter was with the *Chimera*: But what this Monster was, I had rather leave undetermined, than with the generality of Expositors, to make such forc'd Conjectures, as to explain one *Chimera* by another. It may suffice that *Bellerophon* came off Conqueror; by which Means he obtain'd the King's Daughter, and with her the Succession to the Kingdom of *Lycia*. In the mean while he was succeeded at *Corinth* by *Thoas*, Thoas. the Son of *Ornytion* his Father's Brother; and he by his Son *Demophon*. The next was *Pro-* Demophon *podas*; who left the Crown jointly to his two *Propodas*. Sons, *Doridas* and *Hyanthidas*. *Corinth* being Doridas involv'd in the common Obscurity of the *Gre-* and Hyanthidas. *and Hyancian* Kingdoms, especially towards the time of their Foundation, we cannot assign the exact Time and Duration of each Reign: Neither is it certain whether all these reign'd, who are mention'd, or whether there are not more wanting, besides these who are recorded, to compleat a Term of about four hundred Years assign'd to this first Race of Kings of the Posterity of *Sisyphus*.

The second
Race of
Kings un-
der the He-
raclidæ.

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2920.

letes.

Ixion.

Agelas I.

Prumnus.

Bacchis.

Agelas II.

Eudamus.

Aristo-
medes.

Agemon.

Alexander.

Telestes.

II. However, it is agreed that in the Reign of the two last mention'd, happen'd the *Descent* of the *Heraclida*; who in their Division of *Peloponnesus* reserv'd *Corinth* for their Kinsman *Aletes*, the Son of *Hippotes*, and Great Grand-son to *Hercules*. Accordingly the two Kings being displac'd, or their Families extinct, he took Possession of the City, which he enlarg'd and beautify'd. It had before this the Name of *Corinth*, from *Corinthus* who built it, and who being the reputed Son of *Jupiter*, had also nam'd the City, *Corinth* of *Jupiter*. But this Name was rather given by *Aletes* in Gratitude to the Oracle of *Jupiter* at *Dodona*, which had favour'd him in his Pretensions. *Aletes*, after a Reign of thirty eight Years, was succeeded by the Eldest of his Family for several Generations. The first was *Ixion*, who reign'd thirty eight Years; the next *Agelas*, who reign'd thirty seven; *Prumnus*, thirty five; and *Bacchis* as many. Which last being more famous, and popular than his Ancestors, his Successors instead of *Heraclida*, went by the Name of *Bacchida*. *Agelas* the first of these reign'd thirty Years; *Eudamus* thirty five; *Aristomedes*, by some call'd *Aristodemus*, thirty five. He left a young Son call'd *Telestes*, under the Guardianship of his Brother *Agemon*; who having depriv'd his Nephew of the Kingdom, held it for himself sixteen Years; and left it to *Alexander*, who after twenty five Years more, was kill'd by *Telestes*, the Son of *Aristomedes*. *Telestes* by that means obtain'd his Father's Kingdom, and enjoy'd it twelve Years; 'till he was also slain by his Kinsmen, and made way

for *Automenes*, who holding it but one Year, concluded the second Race of Kings, which had continu'd from *Aletes* between three and four hundred Years; and by that means gave occasion to a great Interruption in the Government.

III. For after *Automenes*, the *Bacchidae*, to the Number of above two hundred, assumed the Power into their Hands. They elected one as President every Year out of their own Body, and instead of King, gave him the Name of *Prytanis*: But his Office consisted more of Title than Power. And thus the State was govern'd for the Space of ninety, or, as some say, about an hundred and twenty Years, in the Nature of an *Aristocracy*.

The Government chang'd into an Aristocracy.

During which time *Corinth* began to exert its Power by Sea; and planted its two famous Colonies of *Syracuse* and *Corcyra*; the first under the Conduct of *Archias*, and the latter of *Cherficrates*, both of the Posterity of *Hercules*. *Syracuse*, from its Soil, Havens, and other Conveniences, soon grew to be not only the *Metropolis* of *Sicily*, but the largest and most beautiful City of all *Greece*. And *Corcyra* having the same Advantages by Sea, grew so considerable, as to found two other Cities in *Illyricum*, *Epidamnus* and *Apollonia*. These Colonies were at first subject to *Corinth* their *Metropolis*, and were govern'd much after the same Manner; but as they increas'd in Power, they renounc'd their Obedience, and thereby gave Occasion to such Commotions, as will furnish out a considerable Part of the *Grecian* Story.

The *Bacchidae*, to secure the Government to their Posterity, confin'd their Marriages to their

own Family; 'till *Labda*, one of their Women, being lame and deform'd, was rejected by 'em, and marry'd to *Eëtion*; who (as *Herodotus* tells the Story) for want of Children went to consult the Oracle at *Delphi*, and was answer'd, *He should have a Son by her, that would fall like a Stone upon the Oligarchy, and by that means dissolving it, should reform the State.* This alarm'd the *Bacchidae*, especially as it served to confirm an Oracle they had receiv'd before to the same Purpose, tho' in more ambiguous Terms. And therefore when the Woman was delivered, they sent ten of their Members to destroy the Infant; which smiling in their Faces affected 'em so, that they agreed to deliver it back to the Mother. They were no sooner gone, but they repented of their Compassion, and returned to the Mother; who in the mean while, being better inform'd of their Errand, had hid the Child under a *Busbel*, or some such sort of Corn Measure, from which he afterwards had the Name of *Cypselus*. Thus were they again defeated; and that which secur'd the Boy afterwards, was their giving out, that they had executed their Commission.

IV. *Cypselus* being of Age, thought it time to fulfil the Oracle; and was encourag'd by another, which told him positively he should Reign in *Corinth*, but restrain'd the Succession to him, and his Children, thereby excluding the third Generation. To compass his Designs, he first made use of soft insinuating Methods to cajole the People out of their Liberty, and having by this means lull'd them asleep, he practis'd upon them with the greater Security.

rity. His first necessary Step was to remove the *Bacchide* at some distance from him: In order to which he prevail'd with them to go in a Body, to consult the Oracle about the Publick Safety. They were no sooner gone, but he took upon him to forbid their Return by an exprefs Edict; and in the mean while usurp'd the Government; tho' it is thought he could not have effected so sudden a Change with so little Opposition, if the Luxury and Supineness of the *Bacchide* themselves had not in a great measure contributed to it. In the Beginning of his Reign, which is plac'd under the thirty first *Olympiad*, he cut off all Obstructions to his Power, sparing neither the Estates nor Lives of those, whom he thought any ways obnoxious. It was in these Troubles, that *Demaratus*, an eminent Man amongst the *Bacchide*, and a rich Merchant, fled into *Italy*, and settled in *Hetruria*; where of a Woman of that Country he had two Sons, *Aruns* and *Lucumon*; the latter of which was afterwards King of *Rome*, by the Name of *Tarquinius Priscus*. As to *Cypselus*, whatever Acts of Injustice his Ambition prompted him to, they seem to have proceeded rather from Necessity than Nature, because when he was thoroughly establish'd in the Throne, he grew very mild and indulgent, and plac'd such an intire Confidence in the Love of his Subjects, that he would not in all his Reign have any Guard about him; which was look'd upon as an extraordinary Instance, in one who had the Name of a Tyrant and Usurper. By these Methods he enjoy'd the Crown thirty Years, and when he dy'd, left it to his Son *Periander*.

Cypselus
usurps the
Govern-
ment.

A. M.

3349.

Olym. 31. 2.

Periander.
Olym.38.4

He was quite the Reverse of his Father; which some attribute to his Temper, and others to his Acquaintance with *Thrasylbulus* the Tyrant of *Miletus*: To whom sending for his Advice about the Management of the State, he took the Messenger out into a Corn-field, and having struck off all the Ears, that were shot up above the rest, sent him back without any Answer. *Periander* soon took the Hint, by taking off the most eminent of the Citizens; which secured him in the Kingdom, but with the Character of a savage and inflexible Tyrant. There are other gross Enormities recorded of him, as his committing Incest with his Mother; his killing his Wife big with Child at the Instigation of his Whores, and lying with her when dead. By which Acts he knew he had forfeited the good Will of his Subjects, and therefore would not trust himself without a constant Guard of three hundred Men. He had two Sons, whereof *Cypselus* the eldest was a meer Natural; and the youngest called *Lycophron* he sent into *Corcyra*, for resenting his Mother's ill Treatment. However being grown old and infirm, he sent for him again, to settle him in the Tyranny, and offer'd to change Governments with him: But the *Corcyraans*, to prevent his coming among them, killed the young Prince; which, 'tis thought, occasion'd also the Father's Death, after he had liv'd eighty Years, and reign'd forty. The greatest Honour paid to his Memory, is the ranking him among the *Seven Sages* of *Greece*. But he obtain'd this Title chiefly by insinuating himself into the Company of all the wise and virtuous Men of his Time; so that it seems to have been more the

the Effect of his Ambition, than his Merit: For he has given so few Instances of his Wisdom, to support his Pretensions, that some have excluded him out of the Number, and plac'd *Myson* in his Room. The State suffer'd such Convulsions under his Tyranny, that tho' upon his Death, the Crown devolv'd to *Psammeticus* the Son of *Gordias*, his Brother or Kinsman, the People took Occasion to lay him aside in a little above three Years, and formed themselves into a settled Common-wealth, with a greater Share of Liberty, than they enjoy'd under the *Bacchida*; it being now a mixt Government between an *Oligarchy* and *Democracy*.

Psammeticus the last King.

A. M.

3423.

Olym. 49.3

It is certain the *Corinthians* express'd a particular Aversion to *Monarchy*, by engaging in several Wars, rather as the common Asserters of Liberty, than out of any ambitious Designs; tho' they might with the same Ease have enlarg'd their own Territories, as defended others. They had such Temptations to give Law to their Neighbours, as no State in *Greece* had beside themselves, from the Convenience of their Shipping, and their Situation in the *Isthmus*, whereby they commanded both the *Ionian* and *Aegean* Seas, and were the only Pass of Communication between *Peloponnesus* and the Continent; from whence the *Acrocorinthus*, or Castle was termed the *Eye*, and the City, the *Fetter* of *Greece*. And it was upon these Accounts, that the *Romans* allow'd *Corinth* to be one of the * three Cities, that were capable of bearing * *Carthage* the Weight of a great Empire. But their *and Capua* Thoughts turning more upon Profit, than Honour, these Advantages were improv'd into *the other* Trade and Merchandize; which brought them *1790.*

in a vast Quantity of Riches, but withal sunk 'em into such a State of Sloth and Luxury, that they are hardly to be plac'd above the *Republicks* of the second Rank.

C H A P. V.

The Kingdom of Thebes.

Containing the Space of 322 Years.

I. **T**HE Capital City of *Baotia* was *Thebes*; by whom founded is not certain, but
 Calydnus. inhabited by *Calydnus*, whom the earliest Accounts make the first King of that Country.
 Ogyges. *Ogyges* is also mention'd as his Successor: But he was more properly seated in *Attica*, where he gave Name to the Deluge, which happen'd in his Time. If we allow he reign'd in *Baotia*, his Subjects were the *Ectena*, the first known Inhabitants. But we are still at a Loss to supply an Interval of above three hundred Years, between him and *Cadmus*: And as both these Kings are recorded without any convincing Particulars of their Reigns, we must rest satisfi'd with this general Remark, that *Calydnean* and *Ogygean* are apply'd as Epithets to any thing of remote Antiquity.

There are several Arguments brought to prove *Ogyges* and *Cadmus* to have been one and the same Man: But this Opinion not being sufficiently attested, we are to consider *Cad-*

mus

mus, without any Relation to the other, as the first King of *Beotia*, and conclude, that he founded, or at least re-built the City, calling it *Thebes*, from the City of that Name in *Ægypt*, and the Castle, *Cadmea*. He is generally reputed the Son of *Agenor* Brother of *Belus*, *Danaus's* Father: So that from his Family, and several other Circumstances, it might be inferr'd he was originally an *Ægyptian*, tho' he is trac'd more immediately from *Phanicia*, where he was settled for some time, and which took its Name from his Brother *Phanix*. There is another probable Conjecture, that he was of the Family of the *Cadmonites* mention'd by *Moses*, who were the same with the *Hivites*: And his Time falling in with that of *Joshua*, seems to confirm his leading into *Greece* a Colony of those *Canaanites*, or *Phanicians*, who were expell'd by the *Israelites*. At least this looks more plausible, than the Account the Poets give of his Travels, in Search of his Sister *Europa*, who probably was stole by *Taurus* King of *Crete*; which occasion'd the Fable of her being carry'd away by a *Bull*. The Opinion which seems to come nearest to the Truth in this case, is, that he went with a Design to erect a Kingdom, and plant a Colony of *Phanicians* in *Europe*; making the Recovery of his Sister only a Pretence for his Wandering, 'till he could fix upon a Place for his Purpose. To *Cadmus* are ascrib'd sixteen Letters of the *Greek* Alphabet; which that he brought with him, appears from their Order, Names, and Character, all which bear a near Resemblance to the old *Phanician*, or *Hebrew* Letters. So that he was not properly the Inventor, as he is call'd; but only form'd

Cadmus
the first
King of
Thebes.
A. M.
2555.

Letters
brought in-
to *Greece*.

form'd them from his own Language, as 'tis probable the *Phenicians* had before form'd theirs from the *Egyptian*. For to *Egypt* is chiefly owing the Original of most Kinds of Arts, and Religious Rites, which were propagated in *Europe*: But as the Convenience of Ports and Shipping, gave the *Phenicians* the most early Opportunities of dispersing them, for this Reason they often ran away with the Honour of Invention. *Cadmus* being thus settled, whether he afterwards subdu'd the *Illyrians*, and reign'd there, or whether he died at *Thebes*, 'tis certain he left the Kingdom to his

Polydorus. Son *Polydorus*.

He had by the Daughter of *Nycteus* a Son *Labdacus*, whom being under Age at his Death, he left to the Care of his Father-in-Law. *Nycteus*'s other Daughter *Antiope* was stole; upon which he engag'd in a Quarrel with the *Sicyonians*, and was kill'd. At his Death he assign'd over his Charge of the young King to his Brother *Lycus*, who executed it so faithfully, that *Labdacus* also dying soon after he was of Age, committed his Infant-Son

Laius.

Laius to his Protection. *Lycus* prosecuting his Brother's Quarrel with the *Sicyonians*, got his Niece *Antiope* into his Hands: Upon which her two Sons, *Amphion* and *Zethus*, march'd against *Thebes*, in order to revenge their Mother's ill Treatment. *Lycus* was kill'd in the Battel, the City taken, and the young King being privately convey'd away, the Brothers possess'd the Kingdom. This *Amphion* is he, who is said to have built the Walls of *Thebes* by his Harmony. 'Tis probable he might fortifie it, to defend his Title: But the

Amphion
and Ze-
thus.

the proper Meaning is, that by the Force of Oratory, he work'd upon a rude illiterate People to confirm him in his Usurpation: And this Interpretation is in a great measure applicable to most of the famous Musicians of the first Ages. But the Families of *Amphion* and *Zethus*, by Pestilence, and other Casualties, in a few Years became extinct; and the *Thebans* restor'd the Kingdom to *Laius*. He marry'd *Jocasta*, the Daughter of *Menaceus*, and had by her a Son, by whom, the Oracle told him, he should be kill'd. To prevent which, he expos'd the Child in the Woods, having first bor'd Holes in his Feet to fetter him, which occasion'd such a Swelling, that from thence he afterwards had the Name of *Oedipus*, being preserv'd by the Shepherds, and brought up at *Corinth*. When he was grown up, he had a mind to inform himself concerning his Parentage; and it happen'd, that *Laius* was no less inquisitive to know what was become of his Son. Accordingly they set out at the same time to consult the Oracle, and met in *Phocis*; where upon disputing the Way, or some such trivial Quarrel, *Laius* was kill'd by his Son *Oedipus*, neither of 'em having the least Knowledge of the other.

Oedipus.

Upon the Death of *Laius*, the Throne was usurp'd by *Creon*, *Jocasta's* Brother, 'till another Accident made way for *Oedipus*, which was his explaining the Riddle of the Monster *Sphinx*. What this Creature was, is of more Difficulty, than Importance to determine, being by some thought a notorious Robber, by *Pausanias*, a Bastard-Daughter of *Laius*, and by others preferr'd for her Wisdom, to examine

The Monster Sphinx.

mine Pretenders to the Crown, and to punish those with Death, who could not make out their Claim. The Parts, and Qualities of several Creatures are employ'd by the Poets in her Description; and by the *Egyptians* she is made an *Hieroglyphick* of Wisdom, and Strength. The *Enigma* propos'd, was to tell, *What it was, that went in the Morning upon four Legs, at Noon upon two, and at Night upon three.* *Oedipus* interpreted it, *Of a Man, who in his Infancy crawls upon his Hands and Feet; in his Maturity goes upright upon his Legs; and in his old Age uses a Staff.* Upon which Solution, according to Agreement he marry'd *Jocasta*, and obtain'd the Kingdom, being still in a profound Ignorance of what he had done. But at last the whole Mystery was disclos'd, that he had kill'd his Father, and marry'd his Mother: Whereupon she immediately hang'd her self, and he tore out his Eyes with Distraction, or rather spent the sad Remainder of his Life in Exile, or a very close Retirement.

Eteocles
and Polyni-
ces.

sign the Daughters another Mother. The two Brothers disputed the Succession, and agreed to govern by Turns. The first Year was allotted to *Eteocles* as Eldest; which being expir'd, he would not resign: Whereupon *Polynices* apply'd himself to *Adrastus* King of *Argos*, whose Daughter he had marry'd. *Adrastus* espous'd the Quarrel; and there being with him *Tydeus*, the Father of *Diomedes*, who had also marry'd another

another of his Daughters, and fled to him for Refuge, he promis'd to re-instate them both; and first dispatch'd *Tydeus* to *Thebes* to remonstrate in behalf of *Polynices*. *Eteocles* intercepted his Journey by an Ambush of fifty Men, whom he defeated, and return'd to *Argos*.

II. Hereupon War was immediately declar'd; *The Theban War*. and seven famous Captains undertook an Expedition against *Thebes*; *Adrastus*, *Polynices*, and *Tydeus*, who were more immediately concern'd, being join'd by *Amphiaraus*, *Capaneus*, *Hippomedon*, and *Parthenopaus*. This War is the first of any Moment, that happen'd in *Greece*, being about thirty Years before that of *Troy*; and is look'd upon but as a Prelude to it. Tho' as it has employ'd the Wits of many ancient Poets, and *Antimachus* particularly in *Plato's* Time publish'd twenty four Books only of the Preparations of this Siege, it seems to have made a greater Noise in the World, than through such a vast Distance of Time we are sensible of. The Army was chiefly rais'd by *Adrastus*; but the other Confederates brought in their Quota's, and the chief Command was assign'd to *Amphiaraus*, who had marry'd *Adrastus's* Sister.

In this Infancy of War, we have no warrantable Accounts of any thing like a regular Siege. But the Captains being arriv'd at *Thebes*, dispos'd themselves with the Companies under their Command to attack the seven Gates of the City: Which being guarded by as many Officers within, the *Thebans* made a Sally, and were beat back to the Walls, which *Capaneus* mounted by a sort of Scaling-ladder, but was beat down Capaneus
kill'd.

Eteocles
and Polyni-
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down with Stones by the besieg'd, and kill'd; and this undoubtedly gave rise to the Story of his being struck dead with Thunderbolts. Upon this ill Success of *Capaneus*, the rest retreated, and many of 'em were slain in the Pursuit. After this, the two Brothers agreed to decide the Quarrel in their own Persons; and fought so obstinately, that they were both mortally wounded; whereupon a general Engagement was renew'd, wherein the *Argives* were intirely defeated, with the Loss of all their Captains, but *Adrastus*, who sav'd himself by Flight. Not but the *Thebans* had suffer'd very much in the Battel, and paid so dear for their Conquest, that a *Cadmean Victory* became a Proverb.

Upon the Death of the two Brothers, *Creon* again usurp'd the Throne, tho' it was under a Pretence of Guardianship to *Leodamas*, the Son of *Eteocles*. He would not suffer the Bodies of the slain to be bury'd, 'till the *Athenians*, who were chiefly noted for their Humanity, came at the Request of *Adrastus* with an Army, and did it by Force. It savour'd so much of Barbarity, to suffer any ill Treatment to the dead Bodies of their Enemies, that it became a standing Law of Arms to inter them. Which natural Custom, tho' it was at first taken up out of Decency, was afterwards improv'd into Superstition; for it became an Establish'd Opinion, that the Souls of those who were unbury'd, wander'd about, and could not gain Admittance into *Elysium*.

The War
renew'd.

As to what further concerns the War, the Quarrel which seem'd to be at an End, was in ten Years reviv'd by the *Epigoni*, or Sons of the seven

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seven Captains; who being grown up, resolv'd to revenge their Fathers Deaths, and join'd in another Expedition against *Thebes*. By the Advice of the Oracle they chose *Alcmaon*, the Son of *Amphiaraus*, their General; and under his Conduct spoil'd and haras'd the Country, 'till the *Thebans* gave them Battel: Wherein their King *Leodamas* kill'd *Egialeus*, the Son of *Adrastus*, but was himself soon after slain, or put to flight. Upon which the Citizens offer'd to Capitulate, and took occasion to convey themselves by Night out of the Town; which when the *Epigoni* found they had quitted, they enter'd, plunder'd, and demolish'd it: Tho' some say it was preserv'd by *Thersander* the Son of *Polynices*; which looks most probable, because he succeeded and reign'd there, carrying a Body of *Thebans* to the *Trojan War*, wherein he was kill'd; and his Son *Tisamenus* being young, *Penelopeus* was substituted in his Room, but rather as Captain of the *Bootian Forces*, than King of *Thebes*. However, he also fell in that Expedition, and by that means put *Tisamenus's* Title out of Dispute: So that he enjoy'd the Crown, and left it to his Son *Autefion*, who quitted *Thebes*, and made way for *Damaficthos*, the Son of *Opheltas*, and Grandson of *Penelopeus*. To him succeeded *Ptolomæus*, and last of all *Xanthus*, who being kill'd by *Melanthus*, (as will appear in our Account of *Athens*) put an End to the *Theban Monarchy*.

Thebes taken.

Thersander.

Penelopeus.

Tisamenus.

Autefion.

Damaficthos.

Ptolomæus.

Xanthus the last King.

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This Kingdom as it was the last erected, so it was of the shortest Continuance: And tho' we cannot assign the Length of each Reign, it is certain, that in the whole it did not stand much

much above three hundred Years from *Cadmus* to *Xanthus* : Upon whose Death it became a Common-wealth. And tho' it does not appear under what Form it was at first settled; yet we are assur'd, it was in the Nature of a *Democracy* in its most flourishing Age, when *Thebes* became one of the leading States, and in her Turn put in for the Superiority of *Greece*.

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The Kingdom and Common-wealth of Athens, to the intire Subversion of the Regal Power, by the Expulsion of Hippias.

Containing the Space of 1046 Years.

I. FROM the first peopling of *Attica*, 'till the Time of King *Ogyges*, we have no Account of any thing that pass'd there. *Plato* indeed says the *Athenian* Power and Glory was very great in those Days; that those early Inhabitants were excellently skill'd both in civil and military Affairs, were gover'd by just and wholesome Laws, and liv'd in far greater Splendor, than they had arriv'd to in his Time. But he mentions this only as a general Tradition; and there not being the least Footsteps of any thing to prove it, we may look upon it as a Story devis'd by the *Athenians*, to support the Credit of their Antiquity.

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There are also several Kings mention'd as reigning in *Attica*, between the Time of *Ogyges* and *Cecrops*, with some Particulars recorded of them; as that from *Actæus*, one of them, some will have *Attica* to have been formerly call'd *Acte*. But they are rejected by very ancient Historians; and the most warrantable way of accounting for that Interval, is, that *Attica* was so much wasted by the *Ogygian Deluge*, and its Inhabitants reduc'd to so small a Number, that they liv'd an hundred and ninety Years, from *Ogyges* to *Cecrops*, without any King at all.

To *Cecrops* therefore we must ascribe the Foundation of *Athens*; which is plac'd in the Reign of *Triopas* King of *Argos*, about three hundred and seventy two Years before the Destruction of *Troy*, and the Year of the World 2448. Some make him a Native, but he is generally thought an *Egyptian*, and the *Athenians* were from him reckon'd an *Egyptian* Colony, planted by the *Saitæ*, who came with him from one of the Mouths of *Nile*. He is the first recorded to have cross'd the Sea, and settled in *Greece*: But as the *Egyptians* had at that time little or no Knowledge of Sea-Affairs, it seems most probable, that he came immediately from *Phenicia*, which was more commodiously seated for the Improvement of Navigation. But as yet the *Phenicians* themselves us'd only a larger sort of Boats, which were found out by King *Erythras* among the Islands in the *Red Sea*.

Cecrops
the Founder
of *Athens*.
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There are several fabulous Reasons given for his Name of *Diphyes*, as consisting of two Forms, *Serpentine* and *Human*: But the most probable

His Name
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is, that he was born in *Ægypt*, and reign'd in *Greece*, and was acquainted with the Language, and Customs of both Countries. The People of *Attica*, who lay dispers'd according to the most ancient Way of living in *Greece*, he collected into twelve Towns, (tho' some ascribe this to the second *Cecrops*) constituted among them one Form of Government, and took upon himself the Title of King. He then laid the Model of a City, which he design'd as a Seat of Residence to his new-rais'd Kingdom; and as the most commodious Place for it, he pitch'd upon a Rock situate in a large Plain near the middle of *Attica*, calling both the City and Territory round it after his own Name, *Cecropia*. When afterwards the adjacent Plains were fill'd with Buildings, this was the *Acropolis*, or Cittadel that commanded them.

Of the
Religion of
Greece.

He first introduc'd a Form of Religion, and prescrib'd to the People both the Objects, and Modes of Worship, erecting Altars, and Statues in Honour of the Gods, particularly of *Jupiter*, and *Minerva*; from the latter of which, call'd *Athene*, the City took its Name; and who was always thought to preside more immediately over *Athens*, than any other Part of *Greece*. As he seems to have paid more peculiar Honour to *Minerva*, this may confirm the Opinion of his coming out of *Ægypt*, since she was the noted Favourite Deity of the *Saita*, who came with him. And indeed there seems to be such an exact Conformity between the *Grecian*, and *Ægyptian* Rites, and Ceremonies of Worship, that *Ægypt* has been look'd upon as the chief Fountain of all the *Grecian* Superstition.

stitution. Some there are, who fetch a great Part of it out of *Thrace*, and ascribe it to *Orpheus* as the Author. This too may be true in some Measure: But that the whole *System* of the *Grecian* Religion should be borrow'd either from *Thrace*, or *Aegypt*, or any one Country, will appear very improbable to those, who consider the great Variety of Religions in *Greece*, where almost every City had different Gods, and different Modes of Worship. 'Tis more probable, that *Greece* being inhabited by Colonies from divers Nations, might borrow from every one of these some Part of their Religious Ceremonies; which from a People so excessively Superstitious, must needs receive daily Improvements, 'till at last they were not content to worship their ancient Deities, but frequently consecrated new ones of their own making; and besides these, assum'd into their Number the Gods of all the Nations, with whom they had any Commerce; insomuch that even in *Homer's* Time they amounted to thirty thousand. To this we may add their *Feast of all the strange Gods*, which they religiously observ'd: And it was from the *Athenians* Fear of omitting any, that we meet with Altars erected by them to the *Unknown Gods*. In short the *Athenians* were the People, who carry'd their Superstition highest, and were always refining upon Religion, 'till they brought it at last to nothing but Shew, and Ceremony.

But to return to *Cecrops*, his next Care was of the Civil Government; where for the better Administration of Justice, and the Promotion of mutual Intercourse among his Subjects, he Athens divided them into four Tribes; the Names of which

which were, *Cecropis*, *Autocthon*, *Actea*, and *Paralia*. Thus finding them more united into a Body, and encreas'd by Foreigners, he instituted a Poll, causing every Man to cast a Stone into a Place appointed for that Purpose, and found the Number amount to twenty thousand. But the Soil being naturally unfruitful, and the People not yet skill'd in Husbandry, such Multitudes must in a short time have been reduc'd to the greatest Extremities, had not *Cecrops* taught 'em something of Navigation, and thereby supply'd them with Corn from *Sicily* and *Africk*. He is also reputed the Author of several good Laws and Constitutions, particularly concerning Marriage, whereas before promiscuous Love was allow'd.

The Council of Areopagus.

The Foundation of the *Areopagus* is plac'd under the Reign of *Cecrops*, or his immediate Successors; tho' some bring it as low as *Solon*. But this Opinion cannot hold, because *Solon* in one of his own Laws mentions Judgments pass'd in this Court, before he had reform'd the Common-wealth. The Reason of the Mistake might be, that *Solon* new-modell'd it, extending its Power and Privileges, in Opposition to the *Epheta*, another more rigorous Court, improv'd, if not instituted by *Draco*. This Senate took its Name from the Place in which it was wont to be assembled, being an Hill near the Cittadel, sacred to *Mars*. It was one of their most famous Courts of Judicature; and was constituted of Men of the highest Stations in the Common-wealth, as remarkable for their Virtue and Integrity, as their Riches and Quality. For this Reason it was stild, *The most sacred and venerable Tribunal*;
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and their Justice was so eminently known throughout all *Greece*, that Foreign States, when any Difference happen'd among them, would often appeal to the *Areopagites*, and stand to their Determination. And *Demosthenes* tells us, that to his time neither *Plaintiff*, nor *Defendant*, had any just Reason to be dissatisfy'd with their Proceedings. This Court is recorded as the first, that sat upon Life and Death; and the Trial of wilful Murder seems to have been the original Design of its Institution: Tho' in latter Ages, all Incendiaries, Assassines, Conspirators, and Deserters of their Country, and most capital Causes in general came under its Cognizance. The Opinion the State had of the Gravity and Sanctity of its Members, gain'd them an unlimited Power, insomuch that, according to *Solon's* Regulation of this Assembly, the Inspection and Custody of the Laws, the Management of the publick Funds, and Education of the Youth was committed to them. Their Power extended to Persons of all Ages and Sexes, to punish the Idle and Profligate, and reward the Sober and Industrious, as they thought fit. Besides this, Matters of Religion, Blasphemy against the Gods, Contempt of the holy Mysteries, and all sorts of Impiety, as also the Consecration of new Gods, Erection of Temples and Altars, and Introduction of new Ceremonies into divine Worship were referr'd to the Judgment of this Court. This was the chief Business of this Senate: For they seldom intermeddled with the Management of other publick Affairs, but in Cases of great and imminent Danger; and then the Common-wealth had Recourse to them,

as the last and surest Refuge. Thus was their Authority preserv'd to them intire 'till the time of *Pericles*, who not having born the Office of *Archon*, could not be admitted among them; and therefore imploy'd all his Interest and Cunning to undermine them: Which he did so effectually, that his Contempt of them serv'd to lessen their Dignity; and from that time the same Excesses and Vices, which were practis'd in the City, crept in among the *Areopagites* themselves, 'till by degrees they quite lost their former Power and Esteem.

The Deu-
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Deluge.

Under *Cecrops* happen'd the great *Deluge* in Part of *Greece*, which is known by the Name of *Deucalion's Flood*, who reign'd at that time in *Thessaly*, and whose Country was chiefly affected with it. It is thought he sav'd many in Boats upon Mount *Parnassus*; and that this gave Occasion to the Fable of his re-peopling the Earth. But this Flood agrees in so many Particulars with that of *Noah*, that even the *Grecian* Account of it requires only the Change of Names, to render it in the *Language* of the *Scriptures*. And so, notwithstanding the Pains some have taken to place the *Flood* of *Ogyges* above two hundred Years higher than this, yet all the sober Inquirers into Antiquity have not consider'd them as distinct and partial Deluges, but only as the Remainder of the *Universal one* under *Noah*; the Memory of which was preserv'd under *Ogyges* in *Attica*, and *Deucalion* in *Thessaly*, as Men of the most remote Antiquity in each Country. The Parallel holds yet farther between *Noah*, and *Deucalion*: For as the first re-peopled the World by his Posterity, so the Family of the latter was of proportionable

portionable Fame, and Extent in *Greece*. He had two Sons, *Hellen* and *Amphietyon*; the first (whom we have already had occasion to mention) left three, *Xuthus*, *Æolus*, and *Dorus*. *Æolus* succeeded his Father, and is to be consider'd as Founder of the *Æolians*; *Dorus* seated himself in *Histiæotis*, about the Mountains *Offa* and *Olympus*; his Posterity afterwards got large footing in *Peloponnesus*, and pass'd under the Name of the *Dorians*; and *Xuthus* will be consider'd with Relation to the extent of his Family in *Athens*.

The Family of Deucalion.

Cecrops dy'd after a Reign of fifty Years; and his Son *Erechthon* dying before him, he was succeeded by *Cranaus*, a Man of the greatest Sway, and Figure at that time in *Athens*. The Country which from *Cecrops*, was call'd *Cecropia*, was from him call'd *Cranae*, and afterwards from his Daughter *Atthis*, *Attica*: And the Names of the four Tribes he chang'd into *Cranaïs*, *Atthis*, *Mesogæa*, and *Dia-cris*. After he had reign'd nine Years, he was expell'd the Kingdom by *Amphietyon* the other Son of *Deucalion*, who had marry'd one of his Daughters.

Cranaus.

Amphietyon.

To this *Amphietyon* is generally ascrib'd the Name, and Institution of the *Amphietyones*, the famous *National Council*, or *Diet of Greece*. He first assembled it in *Thessaly* near the Streights of *Thermopyla*, which from the Place was call'd *Pylæa*, and the Members, *Pylagoræ*. But *Acrisius*, King of *Argos*, afterwards either remov'd this, or constituted a new one at *Delphi* in *Phocis*; which lying in the middle of *Greece*, the Delegates of the twelve Cities, which compos'd this Assembly, were more easily con-

The Council of the Amphietyones.

ven'd upon any emergent Occasion. Their usual Times of Meeting were every Spring and Autumn, or oftner, if Necessity requir'd; and their Business was to decide the Quarrels and Differences, that happen'd between any of their Cities, or Common-wealths. Their Authority was very great, and their Determinations held so inviolable, that those, who rejected them, were proceeded against, as the common Enemies of Greece. This was look'd upon as a very necessary Institution among a People made up of so many different States, and jarring Interests, and the best, if not the only Expedient, to cultivate a good Understanding among themselves, and to proceed with Vigour and Resolution against their Enemies.

*Account of
Bacchus.*

In this King's Reign, *Dionysus*, or *Bacchus*, is said to have come into *Attica*. Some have taken him for the *Egyptian Osiris*; and others for a Prince of *Arabia Felix*, about the Mountain *Nysa*. All that can be affirm'd with any colour of Certainty from the *Grecian* Accounts of him, is, that he came with his Retinue out of the *East*, and was Worshipp'd in *Greece*, as the Inventor of many useful Arts, particularly of preserving Bees, and dressing the Vine. His Story is made up of Patches of the *Eastern Tradition*; which was probably convey'd to *Greece* by the *Phanicians*, who accompany'd *Cadmus* thither; and for that Reason he pass'd for the Grandson of *Cadmus* by his Daughter *Semele*. From the Analogy he bears with *Noah*, *Moses*, and *Nimrod*, some have concluded that one, or all of them were shadow'd out to the *Grecians*, under the Name and Person of *Bacchus*. And that most of the Passages which are ascrib'd

ascrib'd to him, are a plain Corruption of the *Eastern Story* in general, if not of the *Scripture* it self, appears from one remarkable Instance of his Birth, where he is said to have been *taken out of Jupiter's Thigh*; which is only an *Hebrew Phrase* for the ordinary way of Procreation.

Amphiſtyon after ten Years Reign was also expell'd by *Eriſthonius*; who besides the fabulous Account of his Birth, is said to have had *Snakes Feet*; which gave occasion of ascribing to him the Invention of Chariots to hide them. But this is more properly owing to the *Panathenaa*, which was also instituted by *E-riſthonius*, where the running with Chariots was one of the Performances. This was a Festival in Honour of *Minerva*, and was at first call'd *Athenaa*; and when afterwards reviv'd, and amplify'd by *Theseus*, who had collected the People of *Attica* into one City, it was call'd *Panathenaa*, or the *Sacrifice of all the united Athenians*. There were two Solemnities of this Name; the Great One celebrated once in five Years, and the Lesser every Year, and were much the same with the *Roman Quinquatria*.

Here it may not be amiss to observe of the *Grecian Festivals* in general, that they were a great Part of their Religion, being instituted chiefly in Honour of their Gods, and Heroes, who had rescu'd their Country from Slavery, and Oppression, or dy'd in its Defence. And without doubt this great Encouragement of transmitting Mens Names to Posterity, gave Birth to the many generous Enterprises of Antiquity; tho' they were in Time unhappily improv'd

Eriſthonius.

The Panathenaa.

Of the Festivals of Greece.

prov'd into *Religion* and *Fable*, 'till they pass'd at last for downright *Knight-Errantry*. As their Religion was at first more pure, and less pompous, so their Festivals were few: But in latter Ages, and particularly in *Athens*, where their Gods were increas'd almost to the Number of Men, the Number and Magnificence of their Festivals rose in Proportion. For as they formerly consisted of little more than a Sacrifice, they had afterwards Games, Processions, and a thousand superstitious Observances in Imitation of the fabulous Actions of their Gods, which were introduc'd and practis'd to the vast Charge of the Publick. But to return to *Erichthonius*, he is said to have brought Silver first into *Attica*; or at least to have stamp'd in the Nature of Coin: And after a Reign of fifty Years, he left the Kingdom to his Son *Pandion*.

Pandion I.

The Crown had hitherto been possess'd by Craft, or Violence. This *Pandion* was the first, who held it in Right of Succession: And tho' there afterwards happen'd some Disturbances in the Government, yet from him it became properly an hereditary Kingdom. In his Reign *Triptolemus* is said to have taught the *Athenians* to sow and manure the Ground; which he learnt from *Ceres*, the same with the *Egyptian Isis*, who is thought at this time to have come into *Attica*; and in Honour of whom were instituted the *Eleusinia*, so call'd from *Eleusis* a Borough-Town of *Attica*. This Festival was celebrated with the greatest Secrecy, and Solemnity of any in *Greece*. It was call'd the *Mysteries*, by way of Eminence, without any other note of Distinction; and it was Death to divulge the

the least Part of the Ceremonies. But the Goddess, and her Worship is by some plac'd under *Erectheus* the Successor of *Pandion*: And the Institution being wholly *Egyptian*, seems to make for those, who fancy him also an *Egyptian*. But I had rather agree with the common Opinion, that *Pandion*, after a Reign of forty Years, left the Kingdom to *Erectheus* his Son, and a Native of *Attica*.

Erectheus had War with the *Chalcidians* of *Eubaa*; and by the Assistance of *Xuthus*, the Son of *Hellen*, who had fled out of *Thessaly* with a great Part of his Father's Treasure, defeated them. To reward which Service, *Erectheus* gave him his Daughter *Crensa*, by whom he had *Ion*, who was equally useful to him in a second War he had with the *Eleusinians*, who were assisted by *Eumolpus* King of *Thrace*. *Ion* gain'd so much Power and Credit in the Common-wealth, that some fancy he succeeded his Grandfather in the Kingdom: At least he had all the Marks of Sovereignty, but the Title, changing the Name of the Country, and the four Tribes, as several of the former Kings had done. He had a numerous Progeny, which, when *Attica* was over-stock'd with Inhabitants, was sent out as a Colony into *Peloponnesus*; from whence they were expell'd by the *Achaans*, descended from *Achaus* the Brother of *Ion*, and return'd to *Athens*; and were afterwards led out into the *Lesser Asia* by the Sons of *Codrus*, where they form'd several distinct Colonies, but pass'd under the common Name of the *Ionians*. This is the *Grecian* Account of *Ion*; but it is built upon such Uncertainties, that it still leaves room for the

the Opinion above-mention'd, that he might be the same with *Javan*, the fourth Son of *Japheth*, who is said to have come into Greece after the Confusion of *Babel*, and seated himself in *Attica*.

But to return to *Erethens*, some say he fell in the Battel with the *Eleusinians*. It is certain he dy'd in the fiftieth Year of his Reign; and being a Prince of great Justice and Valour, was rank'd among the Heroes of those early Times, and had Divine Honours paid him after his Death. The People of *Athens*, who had hitherto pass'd under the Name of *Cecropida*, were from him call'd *Erethida*. His Daughter *Orithya* was taken away by *Boreas* a *Thracian*; which Rape the Poets ascribe to the North-wind, because *Thrace* is situate North from *Athens*.

Upon the Death of *Erethens*, there arose a Contest among his three Sons, *Cecrops*, *Metion* and *Pandorus*, about the Succession. They refer'd the Matter to *Xuthus*, who adjudg'd it to *Cecrops*, as eldest: But the rest were not satisfy'd with this Determination; upon which *Xuthus* quitted *Athens*, and went into *Ægialia*, where he dy'd. This *Cecrops* led a Colony into *Eubœa*; he is also said to have built *Rhodes*; and after a Reign of forty Years left the Kingdom to his Son *Pandion*.

Pandion II. *Pandion* the Second was expell'd the Kingdom by the Sons of *Metion* his Uncle, and fled for Refuge to *Pylas*, King of *Megara*, whose Daughter he had marry'd. There he succeeded his Father-in-law, and left four Sons, *Ægeus*, *Lycus*, *Pallas*, and *Nisus*; who, after their Father's Death, recover'd his Dominions by

by driving the *Metionida* out of *Athens*. Some say they restor'd him before he dy'd, and that at his Death he divided his Kingdom among them in four equal Proportions. But this not being generally agreed on, nor which Part fell to each Man's Lot, we may look upon it as a Division of their own; and that *Egeus*, in *Egeus*. effect, succeeded his Father *Pandion*, after a Reign of twenty five Years. His Brothers had their Shares allotted them for assisting him in his War with the *Metionida*; but he had undoubtedly the supreme Power with the Sovereignty of *Athens* assign'd to him as the Eldest. Yet it was not without secret Murmurings among the rest; and the rather, because *Egeus* was generally thought to be only an adopted Son of *Pandion*. But those who gave him the greatest Umbrage, were the *Pallantida*, the fifty Sons of his Brother *Pallas*: And his want of Children, the Cause for which they despis'd him, was that which with-held them from breaking out into open Rebellion, in hopes the Crown would of Course devolve upon them after his Death. *Egeus*, who had marry'd two Wives, and had Issue by neither, went to *Delphi* to consult the Oracle about Posterity. The Answer being somewhat obscure, in his Return he went to *Pittheus* the Son of *Petops* at *Trazene*, a Man of the greatest Knowledge and Wisdom in his time, to have it explain'd. *Pittheus* entertain'd him; and however he interpreted the Oracle, it was with his Consent, that *Egeus* lay with his Daughter *Ethra*, and left her with Child of *Theseus*.

Theseus prov'd a Youth of great Expectati- *Theseus*. on; and when he was about sixteen Years old, his

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his Mother acquainted him with his Original, and sent him to *Athens*. The Country was so infested with Thieves and Murderers, that it was a very dangerous Journey; yet he chose rather to go by Land, than Sea. He was secretly fir'd with the Fame of *Hercules*, to whom he was also ally'd by his Mother: And as he had clear'd the Ways of a great part of these Robbers, so *Theseus* would endeavour to suppress the rest. Accordingly he destroy'd several in his Way; and observ'd a Method in Imitation of *Hercules*, whom he propos'd as his constant Pattern, to punish them after the same manner they had treated others. At last he arriv'd at *Athens*; where he was entertain'd as a Stranger, but had like to have been poison'd by his Father, through the Persuasion of *Medea*, who was fled to him from *Corinth*. But upon his shewing *Aegens* the Sword, which he had left with his Mother as a Pledge, he threw down the Poison, embrac'd him, and own'd him publickly for his Son and Successor. This serv'd to inflame the seditious Murmurs of the *Pallantide*, who highly resented it, that first *Aegens*, the adopted Son of *Pandion*, and not related to the Family of *Eretheus*, and then *Theseus*, a perfect Stranger, and a Bastard too, should obtain the Crown of their Ancestors. Upon which finding their Hopes utterly defeated, they broke out into open Acts of Hostility; but were soon vanquish'd, and dispers'd by the Courage and Conduct of *Theseus*. Who to keep himself in Action, and gain the Favour of the People, encounter'd several monstrous Creatures, which infested the Country; and parti-

particularly the *Marathonian Bull*, which he overcame, and bringing it alive in Triumph through the City, sacrific'd it to *Apollo*. His next Exploit was the killing of the *Minotaur*, a Monster kept by *Minos* King of *Crete*. The Story is told, that *Androgeos* the Son of *Minos*, coming to the Feast of *Athenaea* at *Athens*, excell'd all his Antagonists in the Exercises perform'd there, and contracted an Intimacy with the *Pallantide*. *Ageus* fearing lest he should join with them to deprive him of his Kingdom, made away with him: Which so incens'd *Minos*, that he declar'd War against the *Athenians*. And being at that time Master of the *Grecian* Seas, gave them so much Disturbance, that they were glad at last to comply with the Advice of the Oracle, and send him by way of Composition an annual Tribute, for the space of seven or nine Years, of seven young Men, and as many Virgins, to be devour'd (as the Fable runs) by this *Minotaur*; but rather to be kill'd, or kept in Slavery by *Taurus*, appointed by *Minos* for that Office. At the third time of sending this Tribute, *Theseus* offer'd himself to go among the rest, in hopes to free his Country from this Slavery, by destroying the Monster. Accordingly he arriv'd at *Crete*, where he receiv'd of *Ariadne*, the Daughter of *Minos*, who fell in Love with him, a Clue of Thread to conduct him through the Windings of the *Labyrinth*, where the *Minotaur* was kept: And having slain him, return'd with his Fellow-Captives in Triumph to *Athens*, and got the Tribute remitted. But in his Return, through an Excess of Joy, he forgot to hang out the White Sail, which should have

have been the Token of their Safety to *Aegeus*, who sat expecting them upon the Top of a Rock: And as soon as their Ship came in View with the Black one, which they us'd to carry in Token of their unavoidable Destruction, he knowing nothing of their Success, threw himself headlong into the Sea, which probably took its Name from him, and made way to *Theseus's* Succession to the Crown after forty eight Years Reign.

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His Alterations in the State.

II. From *Cecrops* the First to this time, the *Athenian* Government suffer'd little Alteration. But *Theseus*, as he had freed his Country from foreign Slavery, and intestine Sedition, so now he resolv'd to regulate, and new model the State. Yet being a wise, as well as powerful Prince, he knew that to attempt any considerable Change, he must proceed warily, and use all the gentle insinuating Methods, especially to a People, who had so strong a Sense of their Liberty.

In the first Place therefore, to remedy the Inconvenience of having them dispers'd in Villages, and canton'd up and down the Country, always quarrelling among themselves, and never assembled to consult for the publick Good, he collected all the Inhabitants of *Attica* into one City, which together with *Cecropia* the Regal Seat, he nam'd *Athens*. His Method to effect this, was to go from one Tribe to another, to appease their Differences, and propose his Design of a common Agreement between them. The poorer Sort, who could be no Losers by it, readily closed with his Advice: To those of Power and Interest he promis'd a Commonwealth;

wealth; wherein reserving to himself only the Command of their Arms, and Custody of the Laws, there should be an equal Distribution of all things else among them, and the Power be lodg'd wholly in the People. The rest fearing his Power, which was already grown very formidable, and knowing his Courage and Resolution, chose rather to be persuaded, than forc'd into a Compliance.

His next Business, when he had brought them over thus far to his Proposal, was to dissolve all the distinct Courts of Justice, and Corporations belonging to the twelve Towns, and build one common *Prytaneum*, or Council-hall in the City. And with a Design to enlarge his City, he invited all Strangers to come and settle there, and enjoy equal Privileges with the Natives. Yet to prevent Confusion and Anarchy, upon such promiscuous Multitudes flowing in, he first divided the People into three distinct Ranks, of Nobles, Husbandmen, and Artificers. The Nobility he appointed as the Fountain of Magistracy; but the Choice belong'd in a great Measure, if not wholly to the People. To this first Rank he committed the Teaching and Interpretation of the Laws, and the Care of Religion; the whole City as to all other Matters being reduc'd to a Sort of an Equality, the Nobles excelling in Honour, the Husbandmen in Profit, and the Artificers in Number.

Thesens having proceeded thus far with Success, in a manner divested himself, according to his Promise, of the Regal Power: Which a Man of so much Spirit and Bravery, and who had deserv'd so well of the State, might as

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easily have extended, as diminish'd. Wherefore, tho' the *Genius* of the *Athenians* always ran high for Liberty; yet he seems rather to have comply'd with his own Inclination for popular Government, as best suited to the Scheme he had laid down. However, it was look'd upon as a generous Act of Resignation: And this with his Enlarging the City, and his many other signal Services, gain'd him the Title of *The Second Founder of Athens*. Not that it was yet a settled Common-wealth; but this was so fair an Advance towards it, that the People from that time continually got Ground against the vain Attempts of some of the succeeding Kings, to recover the Power with the Title of *Monarchy*.

Having laid this Foundation, he left it for others to build upon; and spent the rest of his Life in Search of new Adventures with *Hercules*, and the other Heroes of his time. As *Hercules* had instituted the *Olympick Games* in Honour of *Jupiter*, so did he the *Isthmian* in Honour of *Neptune*, whose Son he pass'd for among those, who could not otherwise account for his Birth, and the rather, because he was a great Encourager of Trade and Navigation. To his roving Temper, and Impatience of Ease, we must refer his *Romantick Voyage* into the *Euxine Sea* against the *Amazons*, from amongst whom he got his Wife *Antiope*, or, as some call'd her, *Hippolyte*. This gave rise to the *Amazonian War*; wherein those warlike Women besieg'd *Athens*, encamp'd, and gave the Citizens Battel within their very Walls; 'till at last a Peace was concluded by *Antiope's* Means. But this War is so differently related, that some have

have fancy'd there were two Expeditions of that Kind, and that *Antiope*, and *Hippolyte* were two distinct Women. Neither must we omit his celebrated Friendship which *Pirithous* the Son of *Ixion*, begun upon an hostile Interview, which struck them both with a secret Admiration of each others Person and Bravery. *Theseus*, when he was fifty Years old, join'd with him in stealing *Helena* the Daughter of *Tyndareus*, from *Sparta*, who falling to him by Lot, he carry'd her to his Mother at *Aphidna*, to be kept there 'till she were marriagable. Then having agreed to procure another Wife for his Friend, they travell'd into *Epirus*, to steal the Daughter of *Aidoneus*, King of the *Molossi*, whom the Fable calls *Pluto*: But he being inform'd of their Design, kill'd *Pirithous*, and imprison'd *Theseus*, till at the Request of *Hercules* he was set at Liberty: But whilst he was engag'd in those foreign Adventures, *Meneſtheus* the Son of *Petens*, and great Grandson of *Ereſtheus*, took Occasion from his Absence to ingratiate himself with the leading Men of *Athens*, and insinuated, that his late Change in the State was only a Project to enslave 'em under a Pretence of Liberty. And to favour his Design, it happen'd that *Castor* and *Pollux*, the Sons of *Tyndareus*, came at this time against *Athens*, in search of their Sister *Helena*: Who not finding her there, went to *Aphidna*, took the Town, and recover'd their Sister. Then by *Meneſtheus's* Means the Brothers were honourably receiv'd into *Athens*: And when *Theseus* return'd, he found the Peoples Minds generally alienated, even to a Contempt of his Person and Authority. Upon which he sent his Children privately into *Eubœa*, and having so-

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lemnly curs'd the People of *Athens*, banish'd himself into the Island *Scyrus*; where the common Report is, that *Lycomedes* the King, either jealous of his Fame, or to gratifie *Meneſtheus*, led him up to the Top of a Rock, as though to shew him the Country, and threw

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Death. him down headlong. Thus dy'd *Theseus*, when he had reign'd thirty Years. He was by far the greatest King of *Athens*: And tho' he was so ungratefully abandon'd by his Subjects, yet succeeding Ages paid a just Reverence to his Relicks; and his Tomb was plac'd as a Refuge for Slaves, in Memory, that whilst he liv'd, his whole Care and Study was to redress Grievances, and relieve the distress'd.

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Meneſtheus by this Means got Possession of the Crown. He went with his Quota of fifty Ships to the *Trojan* War, where he grew famous for his Skill in military Affairs, being mention'd as the first who marshalled an Army in the Order of Rank and File. In his Return from *Troy* he dy'd in the Isle of *Melos*, in the twenty third Year of his Reign: And was

Demophon succeeded by *Demophon* the Son of *Theseus*, who with his Brother *Acamas* went to the Siege of *Troy*. In his Return he was driven upon the Coasts of *Thrace*, where *Phyllis* the Queen fell in Love with him; to whom he promis'd Marriage after he had been to settle his Affairs at *Athens*: But not coming at the time appointed, she hang'd herself. The Court of Judicature, call'd *In Palladio*, was instituted in his Reign, and upon his Account. The Story runs, that some of the *Argives* under the Conduct of *Dio-medes*, being driven by Night upon the Coasts of *Attica*, and supposing it an Enemies Country, went out to spoil and plunder it. The

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Athenians took the Alarm, and being united under the Conduct of *Demophon*, repuls'd the Invaders with great Loss. But upon the Approach of Day, *Acamas* finding among the dead Bodies, the *Palladium*, or Statue of *Minerva*, which was brought from *Troy*, discover'd the Mistake in having kill'd their Friends and Allies. Whereupon they referr'd the Quarrel to fifty *Athenians*, and as many *Argives*, whom they call'd *Epheta*. And this seems to be the Original of the *Epheta*, a Court re-instituted by *Draco* in Opposition to the *Areopagus*; tho' their Business at first was only to inquire into involuntary Murders. *Demophon*, after thirty three Years Reign, left the Kingdom to his Son *Oxyntes*. And he, after twelve more, to his Son *Aphidas*; who reign'd but one Year, being murder'd by his Bastard Brother *Thymates*; who thereupon usurp'd the Kingdom, and was the last of the *Erethidae*, who reign'd in *Athens*. There was at this time a Dispute between the *Athenians*, and *Bæotians*, about their Confines, and it was propos'd by the latter that their two Kings should decide it. But *Thymates* declining the Challenge, *Melanthus* a *Messianian* accepted it. Just as they were going to engage, *Melanthus* cry'd out, *This is not according to our Agreement*, *Xanthus*, to come provided with a Second, against me a single Man. At which *Xanthus* the *Bæotian* King looking back to see who follow'd him, *Melanthus* run him through with his Lance. By this Stratagem he got the Victory, and with it the Kingdom of *Athens*, *Thymates* either yielding it voluntarily, or being depos'd for his Cowardise, after he had reign'd eight Years.

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*Codrus, the
last King.*

lanthus reign'd thirty seven; and left the Crown to his Son *Codrus*, who enjoy'd it twenty one; and then generously sacrific'd himself for the good of his Country. For the *Heraclidae* having made an Irruption into *Attica*, the Oracle was consulted about it, and the Answer was, that the Invaders should Conquer, upon Condition they did not kill the *Athenian* King. Which *Codrus* having notice of, disguis'd himself in the Habit of a Peasant, and picking a Quarrel with some of the Enemy, provok'd them to kill him. Whereupon the *Athenians* sent an Herald to them to demand the Body of their King: Which Message struck such a Damp in to them, that they immediately broke up their Camp, and return'd home.

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The Perpetual Archons.

III. Thus fell *Codrus*, and with him the Title of King, which had continu'd without any Interruption four hundred and eighty seven Years from *Cecrops* to *Codrus*. The *Athenians* out of Reverence to his Memory would suffer no more to govern by that Name: This at least was their Pretence, which they seldom wanted upon all Occasions to enlarge their Power, till at last they got it intirely into their own Hands. The Title of King was chang'd into that of *Perpetual Archon*, or Prince during Life; and the Succession preserv'd from Father to Son. Which was so gradual a Fall, that most Writers have rank'd these *Archons* among their Kings; tho' I think not so properly, because their Power was more precarious, they being oblig'd to give the People an Account of their Management, whenever they should demand it.

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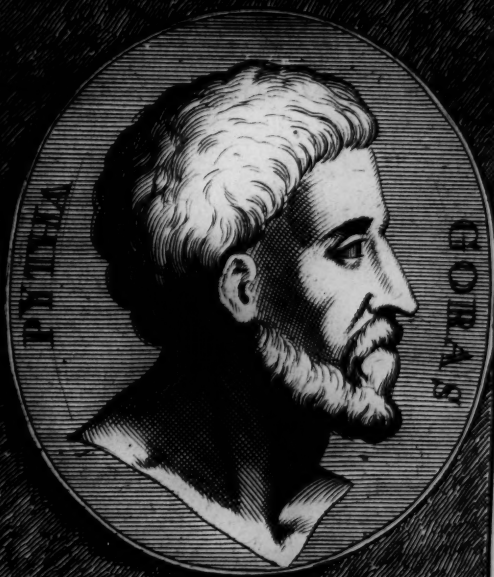
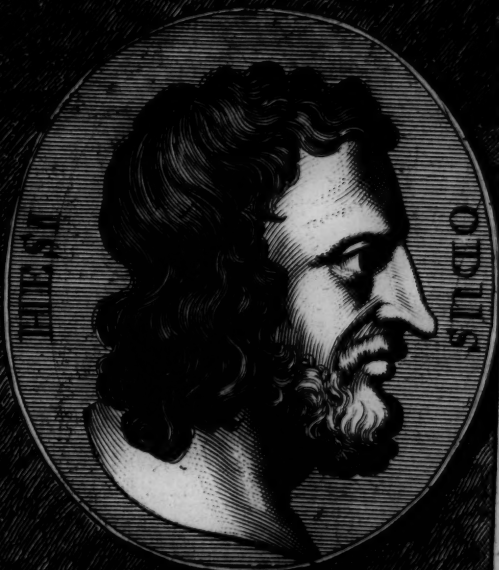
The first of these *Perpetual Archons* was *Medon* the eldest Son of *Codrus*. His Brother *Nileus* despis'd him because he was lame, and from thence took occasion to dispute the Government with him. The People would have made this a Pretence of putting them both by; and declar'd they would have no King but *Jupiter*: So that during the time of this Contest, there was a sort of *Theocracy* in *Athens*. But at last the Oracle giving it against *Nileus*, he, with the rest of his Brothers, led out the Colonies before-mention'd into *Asia*, and there founded the twelve famous Cities of the *Ionians*; which were *Ephesus*, *Miletus*, *Priene*, *Colophon*, *Myus*, *Teos*, *Lebedos*, *Clazomena*, *Erythra*, *Phocaea*, with *Chios*, and *Samos*, belonging to the two Islands of these Names.

Medon govern'd twenty Years, and after him succeeded twelve more of a regular Descent from him, and therefore fir-nam'd *Medontida*. Their Names were *Acastus*, who govern'd thirty six Years, *Archippus* nineteen, *Thersippus* forty one, *Phorbas* thirty, *Megacles* twenty eight, *Diognetus* twenty five, *Pherecles* nineteen, *Ariphron* twenty, *Thespius* twenty seven, *Agamestor* seventeen, *Æschylus* twenty three, and *Alcmaon* two Years. There is scarce a memorable Action mention'd of any one of them; but by them the Government was carry'd on with Ease, and without Alteration, for the Space of above three hundred Years.

This unactive Period of time gives us an Opportunity of inquiring into the State of Science, and Literature, which began now to display themselves in the more civiliz'd Parts of *Greece*. Poetry is in the first Place to be consider'd, as

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it was the most ancient way of writing, and the chief Vehicle, by which many other Parts of Knowledge were convey'd to Mankind. As for *Linus*, *Orpheus*, *Museus*, and the other Founders of the *Fabulous Theology*, their Names have been deliver'd down to us with some general Marks of Esteem and Reverence: But their History is too suspicious and confus'd, to admit of a serious Relation, since we cannot fix their Age, or Country, and since the few Remains we have of them, have been ascrib'd to others of a much later Date. Upon the whole, there are few so hardy to deny, that there was any such thing as Poetry in *Greece*, before *Homer*; but we have no sufficient Authority to begin our Account of it, but from him. And even here, the Criticks have been more industrious in settling the Time, and Country of this great Man, than in examining his Writings: And tho' they cannot decide the Controversie, their Attempts have not been altogether fruitless, inasmuch as they serve sufficiently to advance the Credit of his Works, which were the only Grounds of their Enquiry. Of all the Places which have contended for him, *Smyrna* carries the fairest Title: And he seems to have flourish'd between two and three hundred Years after the Destruction of *Troy*. As for those, who place him below the Beginning of the *Olympiads*, it is not easily to be presum'd, that he, who took all imaginable Care to embellish his Poems with Descriptions, should omit so Ornamental a Part as the *Olympick Games*, if he had been alive at the Celebration of them. To consider him in his Person and Fortune, he is represented as a blind, indigent



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digent *Bard*, strowling up and down the Country like a *Ballad-singer*. But the Image of his Mind gives us a noble Prospect of him: 'Tis there we view him in his full Proportion, with all the Advantages of Art and Nature, and reverence him as *The Prince, and Father of the Grecian Poets*. Some have so far refin'd upon his Writings, as to pretend to draw from them the Original not only of all kinds of Poetry, but also of all Arts, and Sciences, and Religion, and Government. But we may easily allow him to have been the most *Universal Genius* of his Time, without making him the Founder of States, and Kingdoms, and the Author of all Civility: And it is sufficient to secure his Fame to all Ages, that the Brightness and Loftiness of his Thoughts, the Strength and Beauty of his Images, the Dress of his Fictions, the Harmony of his Numbers, the Justness of his Characters, and the artificial Contexture of the whole, have carry'd the *Epick Poem* in its Infancy, if not at its Birth, to an almost inimitable Perfection.

Hesiod, who was originally of *Cuma* in *Hesiod*. *Æolia*, but remov'd young to *Asera* a little Village of *Bœotia*, is generally reckon'd the next Poet to *Homer*, as well in the Value of his Works, as in the Period of his Age. Some make him the Elder of the two; others affirm they were Contemporary, and that *Hesiod* carry'd the Prize from him in a Poetical Contention. Upon which *Lucian* makes a pleasant Remark, *That Homer had much the better on't, but yet Hesiod was the Victor*. Perhaps the Epigram upon which this Contest between them is grounded, may be supposititious; and *Hesiod* might

might flourish some Years after the other. But it is certainly a great Disadvantage to him to be plac'd so near to *Homer*, as if they were design'd for Rivals; whereas the Merit of *Hesiod* is of a quite different Stamp. He contented himself with the *Middle Stile*, without aspiring to the *Sublime*; he chose rather to be delightful, than pompous, and rather to speak properly, than finely. As he affected nothing more than the Ease and Retirement of a Country Life, his *Genius* put him upon such Subjects, as required the same easie Plainness, and Gravity: And his Success in this kind of Writing, is sufficient to justify his Pretensions to a second Place in Poetry. *Maximus* of *Tyre* tells a Story of him, which argues him to have been very jealous of his Fame, or else a great Humourist. For observing a Potter, as he was at Work, singing some of his Verses with an ill Accent, and Cadence, he throws himself down upon his Pots, and breaks 'em; at which the poor Fellow cries out, *Why do you spoil my Work? Because, says Hesiod, you spoil mine.*

An Account of the
Olympick
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To this Growth of Poetry, we may add another Effect of the general Tranquility Greece enjoy'd at this Time, which was the Celebration of the *Olympick Games*, so call'd from *Olympia* a City, near which they were perform'd in the Plains of *Elis*. Some ascribe the first Institution of them to *Hercules* one of the *Idai Dædylæ*; and others to *Pisus*, of whom we have nothing left but the Name. But *Pelops* being more famous in History, is rather thought to have instituted them in Honour of *Jupiter*: And after him *Atreus*, *Hercules* the Son of *Alcmena*, *Oxylus*, and others renew'd them.

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But as yet they were of no settled Date, being celebrated only upon some extraordinary Occasions, and without any remarkable Pomp and Solemnity. The first, from whom they became famous, was *Iphitus* King of *Elis*, of the Posterity of *Hercules*, who restor'd them by the Advice of the Oracle. They were repeated every fifth Year; and hence the Revolution of four compleat Years, which was the Interval between each Solemnity, was call'd an *Olympiad*. But even after *Iphitus*, they seem not to have been continu'd regularly at first, because that which generally passes for the first *Olympiad*, in which *Coræbus* of *Elis* won the Prize, was properly the twenty eighth. However, it is from hence the *Vulgar Era* of the *Olympiads* takes Date; and falls in with the second Year of *Æschylus* the twelfth *Perpetual Archon* of *Athens*, four hundred and eight Years after the Destruction of *Troy*, and in the 3228th Year of the World. This *Epocha* is plac'd by *Varro*, as the Boundary between the *Fabulous*, and *Historical Times*, and is so much celebrated for its Certainty, that some account the Number of *Olympiads* among the *Chronological Characters*. They serv'd as so many Annals, by which the *Grecians* computed not only their own, but also the Histories of other Nations. But they were not presently acquainted with this Way of Computation; and as the Use of it in *Chronology* was only accidental, we must inquire into the more immediate Design of these Solemnities. As to the Original of these, and the other principal Games of *Greece*, they were instituted in Honour of the Gods and Heroes; they were therefore term'd *Sacred*, and are to be consider'd

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der'd as a Part of Religion. But besides the Spirit of Religion, and the Curiosity for publick Shews, there were other Politick Motives, which engaged the Exercise of them. It was thought convenient to re-assemble from time to time, and by these common Sacrifices, to re-unite, if possible, so many different States, independent of each other, and less separated by the Distance of their Habitations, than the Diversity of their Interests: So that one main End of these Meetings, was to debate, and settle every thing relating to the publick Peace, and Reputation. As to the Sports themselves, they were agreeable to the lively *Genius* of the People, who thought with good reason, they could not in times of Peace addict themselves to Exercises more honourable, or useful. For besides that by this means they made their Limbs strong, active and supple, they also accustomed their Thoughts to the Desire of Conquest. It was a kind of *School*, or *Military Apprenticeship*, in which their Courage found a constant Employment: And the Reason why the Victory in these Games was attended with such extraordinary Applause, was that their Minds might be quicken'd with great and noble Prospects, when in this Image of War, they arriv'd to a Pitch of Glory, approaching in some Respects, to that of the most famous Conqueror. They thought this sort of Triumph one of the greatest Parts of Happiness, of which human Nature was capable: Upon which Occasion, when *Diagoras* had seen his Sons crown'd in the *Olympick* Games, one of his Friends made him this Compliment, *Now, Diagoras, you may die satisfy'd; for you can't*
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be a God. Not to describe all the Exercifes perform'd there, we may form a general Notion of them from the Remembrance of our own *Fests* and *Tournaments*, which held a middle place between a Diversion, and a Combat: But the *Olympick Games* were attended with a much greater Pomp and Variety; and not only all *Greece*, but other neighbouring Nations were in a manner drain'd, to furnish out the Appearance. When they were thus thoroughly establish'd, they were continu'd without Intermission, so long as *Greece* enjoy'd any degree of Liberty; and even after that was lost, some bring them down to the three hundred and twelfth Year of *Christ*, under the Reign of *Constantine the Great*; and *Cedrenus* carries them about eighty Years lower, making the 293d the last *Olympiad*.

IV. But to return to *Athens*, upon *Alcmaon's* Death the People took another Occasion to change the Government. They had already made such considerable Abatements both in Title and Power, that they were a sufficient Awe upon their Prince's Conduct: But the Name of *Perpetual* now began to sound harsh; and therefore they confin'd their *Archons* to the Space of ten Years. The first of this *Decennial* Creation, was *Charops*, Brother of *Alcmaon*, and Son of *Æschylus*. The next were *Æsimedes*, *Clidicus*, *Hippomenes*, *Leocrates*, *Apfander*, and *Eryxias*; of whom there is nothing particular, but that *Hippomenes* was depos'd for his Cruelty to his Daughter, who being deflour'd, he shut her up with an Horse, that for want of Meat devour'd her alive. *Eryxias*, who was the last of the Race of *Codrus*, either dying,
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or depos'd before his time was expir'd, some have substituted *Tlesias* to compleat his Term of ten Years. But this not being generally agreed on, and it seeming not improbable that this *Tlesias* has been mistaken for *Lysias*, mention'd as the third *Annual Archon*, we may conclude this sort of Government with *Eryxias*, after it continu'd about sixty five Years.

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The Go- greed instead of one single Man to chuse Nine;
vernment their Authority was to last but one Year; and
chang'd in- if at the End of it they gave a good Account
to a De- of their Administration, they pass'd into the
mocracy. Senate of *Areopagus* for the rest of their Life.
The Office The first of the Nine was *Archon* properly so
of the Nine call'd, with an additional Title of *Eponymus*, as
Archons. giving Denomination to his Year, wherein all
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 He had the Care of a great Part of their Super-
 stition, and kept a sort of *Ecclesiastical Court*,
 wherein all Causes were determin'd betwixt
 Men and their Wives, Parents and Children,
 Kindred and Neighbours; as also concerning
 Wills, Legacies, Dowries and Inheritances. He
 had particularly the Care of Orphans, to ma-
 nage their Estates, and assign them Guardians;
 and took the first Cognizance of several pub-
 lick Actions. The Second *Archon* had the
 Name of *King*: He manag'd another Part of
 their Superstition; his Office being to assist in
 the Celebration of several Festivals, to decide
 all Disputes between the *Priests* and *Sacred Fa-*
milies, and punish all Impiety and Prophana-

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tion of the Holy Mysteries in general. Besides which, he determin'd several Causes both Civil and Criminal, or sometimes referr'd them to other Courts. The Third was call'd *Polemarchus*; who besides the Charge of some Religious Customs, had that of War committed to him, from whence he had his Name. He had a great Command in the Armies abroad, and at home exercis'd the same Jurisdiction over Strangers, that the *Archon* did over the Citizens. The other Six had the common Name of *Thesmotheta*. They were in the Nature of a *Court of Appeal*, upon Complaints of false Accusation, Calumniating, or Bribery: And before them were brought all Causes between the Citizens and Strangers, and Controversies about Trade and Merchandize. They had properly the Custody of the Laws, and were plac'd as a *Barrier* between the other Magistrates, and the People; having Power to oppose the enacting of any Laws, which were apparently against the Interest of the Commonwealth. These were their distinct Offices; and as to what equally concern'd them in general, they had all the Power of punishing Malefactors with Death: They had a joint Commission for constituting some sort of Magistrates, and deposing others, when upon an Enquiry into their Behaviour, and by the Suffrages of the People, they were declar'd unworthy of their Office. All together they had Authority to assemble the People, as the Kings, and other *Archons* had done upon any emergent Occasion. And as a Recompence for their Services, they were free from all Taxes exacted of other Citizens for the building of
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Men of War; which was an Immunity never granted to any besides themselves. The first of these *Annual Archons* was *Creon*, who enter'd upon his Charge in the second Year of the twenty third *Olympiad*. From him they were continu'd regularly: So that whatever Interruptions the State suffer'd through Faction and Usurpation; yet was this the constant settled Form of Government, so long as *Athens* had the least Remains of Life and Liberty.

But this Liberty, of which *Thesens* laid the Foundation, wanted several Improvements, before it could receive its finishing Stroke. The People had gain'd something by every Alteration: And the Power of the Magistrates thus limited, was too weak to bridle such captious unsettled Tempers, especially without the help of Laws, both to guide and protect them in the Execution of their Offices. For it does not appear, that *Greece* had yet any written Laws, but was govern'd altogether by the Sentence of the Magistrate. This occasion'd daily Disputes and Quarrels; so that they could come to no Agreement either as to the Religious, or Civil Administration, every Trifle affording Matter to alarm the Ignorant, and incense the Factious. Of which we have an Instance in the Attempt of *Cylon*, who had won the Prize in the *Course* at the Celebration of the thirty fifth *Olympiad*, and bore a considerable Sway in the City. He took Advantage from these Disturbances to affect the Sovereignty, and in Order to it had seiz'd the Castle, where he stood a Siege 'till he was almost starv'd, and then with his Brother made his Escape. His Companions in the mean while fled

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fled for Refuge to the Image of *Minerva*; but the Magistrates having entic'd them with hopes of Pardon, to quit their Sanctuary, put most of them to Death. This was afterwards reckon'd so heinous an Affront to Religion, that the City was look'd upon as polluted, and obnoxious to the Wrath of the *Goddeſs*, 'till the Authors were banish'd: And even after that, the Memory of this Murder was several times reviv'd, and made use of to keep up a Faction in the City. This Story is generally plac'd about the forty fifth *Olympiad*: But that time may relate more properly to the Expiation of the Murder, than to the Attempt of *Cylon*, which seems to have happen'd a considerable while sooner.

Thus *Athens* continu'd several Years at a Stand, 'till at last her Calamities made her wise. She found by degrees, that true Liberty consists in the due Exercise of Justice and Reason, and that an intire Subjection to them was not to be establish'd, but by the Authority of a Legislator. To this purpose she pitch'd upon *Draco*, who was *Archon* in the thirty ninth *Olympiad*; a Man of Wisdom and Virtue, but rigid even beyond a Sense of Humanity. Of this severe Stamp were his Laws, of which he publish'd many, leaving the Execution of them chiefly to the *Court* of the *Epheta*, which he new-modell'd for that Purpose. He punish'd almost every trivial Offence with Death, making no Distinction between the stealing of a Cabbage, or an Apple, and Sacrilege, or Murder: Wherefore it was said of his Laws, *That they were writ not with Ink, but with Blood*: And he himself being ask'd, *Why he made Death*

Draco præscribes Laws.
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the Punishment of most Offences? reply'd, Small Crimes deserve that, and I have no higher for the greatest. This rigid Notion of his seems to have been the Original of the Doctrine of the *Stoicks*, which prevail'd so much in after Ages. But these Laws met with the Fate of all violent things; for their Severity soon brought 'em into Disuse. Yet still this gave the Poor no Relief against the Oppression and Usury of the Rich, with which they were almost exhausted. So that the Commons hated the Nobility, the Nobility fear'd the Commons; and nothing but Desolation seem'd to attend the State.

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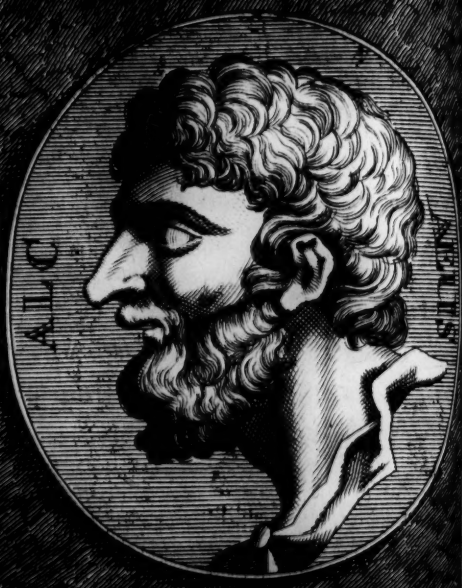
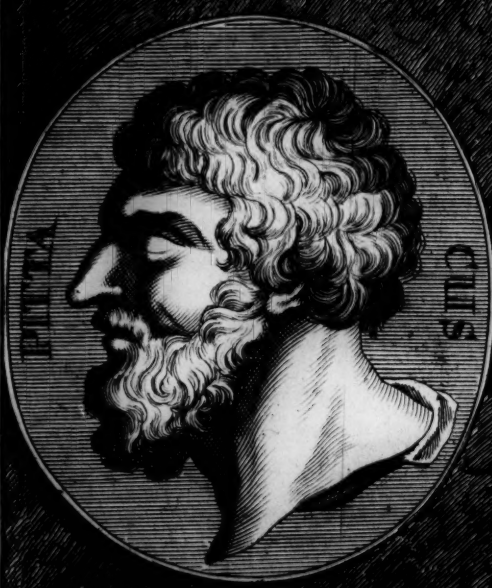
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At this time happen'd some Commotions between *Athens*, and *Mitylene* of *Lesbos*, about *Sigæum* a Town of *Troas*, to which both Sides laid equal Claim. The *Athenians* under the Conduct of *Phrynon*, and the *Lesbians* under *Pittacus* maintain'd the Contest for some time with various Success; 'till the two Generals having agreed to decide it in their own Persons, *Pittacus* entangled his Adversary in a Net, which he had hid under his Shield, and kill'd him: Which Stratagem seems to have been the Foundation of the *Retiarii* among the *Romans*. The *Athenians* afterwards renew'd their Pretensions under the Conduct of *Pisistratus*, who took *Sigæum*, and plac'd his Natural Son *Hegesistratus* over it. But he being molested in his Government, the Business was referr'd to *Periander* of *Corinth*; and adjusted by his Determination, that both Sides should keep what they were then actually possess'd of. This latter War seems to have been confounded with the former, because *Herodotus* speaks of the War

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War in general, as of one single Action under the Conduct of *Alcaus* the *Lyrick* Poet, without mention either of *Phrynon*, or *Pittacus*. As for *Pittacus*, he generally passes for a Tyrant of *Mitylene*; but his Conduct has sufficiently vindicated that Part of his Character. For he took the Government rather in Opposition to others, than out of any private Ambition; and held it no longer, than the Necessities of the State requir'd. He made several good Laws; and gave so many other Proofs of his Moderation and Prudence, that he is rank'd among the *Seven Wise Men*. His chief Adversary was *Alcaus*, who bore a great Sway in the Affairs of *Mitylene*, and valu'd himself more upon the Character of a Soldier, and Patriot, than that of a Poet; tho' his Pretensions to either are not so well grounded. For in the Action between the *Athenians* and *Mitylenians* he ran away, and left his Shield to the Enemy: And *Strabo* assure us, that, notwithstanding his Cry against Tyranny, he lay himself under a Suspicion of the same Designs, which he oppos'd in others. His Writings were all in the *Lyrick* Strain; his Stile close, magnificent, and correct; and tho' he sometimes descends to Sports, and Love, yet he always shews himself capable of greater Subjects. *Horace*, (with whom he is usually compar'd) ascribes to him the Invention of the *Barbiton*; tho' some attribute the same Honour to *Terpander*, and others to *Anacreon*. He has also been complimented with the *Golden Lyre*, in Relation to those Pieces, which he writ against Tyranny. Since we have mention'd him, we must not omit his great Contemporary *Sappho*, who

was also a Native of *Mitylene*, and flourish'd about the forty fourth *Olympiad*. Tho' she was by no means a Beauty, yet *Alcaeus* was a great Admirer of her: But she was so far from receiving his Addresses, that one Day, when he told her, *He had something to say to her, but that he was asham'd to bring it out*, she gave him an handsom Repulse, telling him, *That if it were fit for her to hear, he would not have kept it in so long*. Her Cruelty to him is the more remarkable, because she was so excessively amorous, that her Character suffers very much from the Charge of her unnatural Intrigues with some of her own Sex. Her famous Gallant was *Phaon*; whose Unkindness in abandoning her, as it gave occasion to some of her finest Pieces, so it afterwards was the Cause of her Death. She had Wit enough to supply a great many other Defects: And 'tis easie to judge from the few Remains we have of her, with what unaffected Force, and Sweetness she totich'd the Passions, and how deservedly she has gain'd the Title of the *Tenth Muse*. Near this time flourish'd *Archilochus* born in the Island *Paros* about the twenty ninth *Olympiad*. He generally passes for the Author of the *Iambick Verse*: But Poems of this Nature were of a more ancient Date; and *Homer* himself is mention'd as Author of a Piece in that Strain, call'd *Margites*. So that *Archilochus's* Title to this Invention seems to be grounded chiefly upon the remarkable Virulency, and Success of his Invectives against *Lycambes*; who having promis'd him his Daughter, and after the Match was agreed on, refus'd to give her, the Poet handled him so severely, that he and his Daughter both

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hang'd themselves. His way of Writing was strong and nervous, yet short, and glittering, and enliven'd with abundance of Wit; but it had such a Tincture of Gall and Malice, that he professes, *He could spare neither Friend, nor Foe.* But of those, who conspir'd at this time to advance the *Lyrick Muse*, none have been mention'd with more Honour, than *Stesichorus*. Stesichorus.
He was born in the thirty seventh *Olympiad*, at rns. *Himera* a City of *Sicily*; and receiv'd his Name from the Memory of his being the first, who taught the *Chorus* to dance to the *Lyre*. We have no particular Catalogue of his Writings: But the distinguishing Character of them is a Majestick Gravity; by which he sustain'd with his *Lyre* all the Weight and Grandeur of an *Epic* Poem; insomuch that some have put him in Competition with *Homer*. But withal it is own'd he was not so great a Master of his *Genius*, as he; and it was chiefly upon account of the Looseness, and Luxuriancy of his Stile, that he would not bear the Comparison. He was also a Man of the first Rank for Wisdom and Authority among his Fellow-Citizens, and seems to have had a great hand in the Transactions between that State, and the Tyrant *Phalaris*. As he had all along vigorously oppos'd him, so when he had carry'd his Design, *Stesichorus* was the principal Man in encouraging a Revolt, Soon after which the Tyrant seiz'd him, and kept him, 'till he could invent a Death answerable to his Crime. This gave him an Opportunity of acquainting himself with his Person and Excellencies, which turn'd his Fury into the greatest Love and Esteem: And he was ever after so far from entertaining any

Suspicion of him himself, that he was remarkably zealous in vindicating him to others. He dy'd about the eightieth Year of his Age at *Catana*; whose Inhabitants were so sensible of the Honour his Relicks did their City, that they resolv'd to keep them in Defiance of the *Himerians*, who were no less obstinately bent upon the Recovery of 'em, tho' at the Expence of a War. The Contest seems to have been adjusted by *Phalaris*, who told his Subjects, that where-ever the Poet was bury'd, yet upon account of his Birth, and Life, he would still be reckon'd an *Himerian*. 'Tis true this Account of him depends upon the single Authority of *Phalaris* himself; and tho' the *Epistles*, which pass under his Name, should not be genuine, they serve however to confirm the Esteem, and Character this Poet bore with Antiquity.

VI. We left the *Athenians* under a dismal Prospect of relapsing into their first Disorders; which made them have Recourse to fresh Precautions. For the Remedy prescrib'd by *Dra-co*, was it self in the Nature of a Disease: In-somuch that they, who had the Execution of his Laws, found it necessary to slacken the Reins, tho' it was not safe to quit them. In Order therefore to find out such *Mediums*, as were able to recompence the Law for whatever they took from it, they cast their Eyes on *Solon*, a Man not bias'd by any Party, and whose great Wisdom and Integrity, together with his extraordinary Meekness, had gain'd him an universal Love and Esteem. But that which first brought him into Repute, was the

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Recovery of the Island *Salamis* his Native Country, lately revolted from the *Athenians* to the *Megareans*; which had several times been attempted, but with such ill Success, that it was made Death to stir any more in it. *Solon* under a Pretence of Madness, took the Liberty of making another Motion; and acted his Part so well, that by the Oddness of his Gesture, as well as the Warmth and Strength of his Reasoning, he brought the People to consent to another Expedition: And under his Conduct they surpriz'd the Island, by a Stratagem of Dressing their young Men in Womens Clothes. *Solon*, upon the Success of this and other Enterprizes, was chosen *Archon* in the third Year of the forty sixth *Olympiad*; and besides the Power of his Office, was authoriz'd by a general Voice to regulate their Magistrates, Assemblies, Courts, and Senates; to appoint their Number, Times of Meeting, and what Estates should capacitate them for such and such Offices; in short, to dissolve, or continue any of the present Constitutions, and give them such a new Set of Laws, as should appear to him most proper for the better modelling of the State.

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There was so much *Pride*, *Avarice*, and *Faction* at this time in the City, that *Solon* seem'd unwilling to undertake so difficult a Task. They were chiefly divided into three Parties; one of which inclin'd to an *Oligarchy*, another to a *Democracy*, and a third, to ballance the other two, was for a *mixt Government* between both. But the common People now ripe for Sedition, claim'd an equal Division of the publick Lands in the Hands of the Rich; and were making themselves a Head to do it by Force,

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when *Solon* appear'd with full Power to redress their Grievances, and quell these Commotions, To strengthen his Authority, the chief Men offer'd him the *Tyranny*; and his Friends told him, *He might easily by his Conduct and Moderation change so odious a Name into that of a Kingdom.* In answer to them, *A Tyranny*, says he, *is a very fair Spot, but it has no Way to go out at:* And therefore he absolutely refus'd it, as not so consistent with his Scheme of Reformation.

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The first Step he made, was in Favour of the *Commons*, to release all Debtors by an express Law, call'd *Seisachthia*, or the taking off a Burden: And to do it with the least Injury he could to their rich Creditors, he rais'd the Value of Money in some moderate Proportion. But his Management in this Affair had like to have prov'd of very ill Consequence: For having communicated his Design to some of his Friends, they made their Advantage of it, by taking up vast Sums of Money, and purchasing Land with it; and when the Act was publish'd, they refus'd Payment of the Money, and yet kept their Estates. The People could not but fancy *Solon* at the Bottom of this Contrivance, 'till he clear'd himself by remitting his Debtors five, or as others say, fifteen Talents. To make the Rich some further Amendments, he assign'd to them, exclusive of the People, all Honours, Offices and Employments; tho' at the same time he took Care to allay their Power, by giving every private Citizen a Privilege of voting in the *Great Assembly* of the whole Body of the State. Which how-

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ever inconsiderable it might appear, was soon found to be of vast Consequence. For it being permitted any Man, after the Determination of the Magistrates, to appeal to the People, hence it came to pass, that Causes of the greatest Weight and Moment were brought before them. And as they were not always on the right Side, for this Reason, *Anacharsis*, whom the Fame of the *Grecian Sages* had drawn from the extreme Parts of *Scythia*, told *Solon*, *He wonder'd to see Wise Men propose Causes, and Fools determine them.* This Philosopher at another time was saying to him, *That written Laws were like Cobwebs; they held fast the Poor and Weak, but the Rich and Powerful easily broke through them.* To which *Solon* reply'd, *Both Parties will obey the Laws so long as it is the Interest of neither to break them.* To say the Truth, his chief Care was of the *Commons*: But yet knowing the danger of committing things of the highest Importance to the giddy unthinking Multitude, he instituted the *Great Council of Four Hundred*, an hundred out of each Tribe; whose Business it was, carefully to inspect all Matters before they were brought into the *General Assembly* of the People. And as for the *Court of Arcopagus*, he was so far from suppressing it, that he gave the Members a more extensive Jurisdiction; making these two *Councils* the *Anchors* of the Commonwealth, whereby it would be less liable to be toss'd by Tumults, and become a Prey to such as had Knavery enough to design, and Cunning and Eloquence to entice the People to their own Destruction. We must not omit another famous Court call'd the *Heliastick Council*,
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cil, from their sitting open and expos'd to the *Sun*. It consisted of Judges chosen out of the Body of the People, from fifty to two thousand, according as the Exigency of the Causes requir'd, of which they determin'd many, and those generally of the highest Consequence.

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This was his Regulation of the Principal Courts of Justice, with his Provisions in general for the State. And as for particular Institutions, he first repeal'd all *Draco's* Laws, except those concerning Murder, and prescrib'd others better suited to the Nature of Offences. He provided particularly against Idleness; in so much that a Son was not oblig'd to maintain his Father, if he had not brought him up to some Trade. He first gave leave to make Wills, whereas before the nearest of Kin inherited of Course: But by this he insinuated, that Friendship and Affection were stronger Ties than Blood. He ordain'd, that Women should have no Portions, which he thought serv'd only to make them a Prey, and destroy'd the Ends of Marriage. In the Case of an Heiress, he oblig'd him who had marry'd her, to use her as his Wife, at least three times a Month; and if he prov'd insufficient, she might lye with his nearest Kinsman: In other Cases, any one might kill an Adulterer if he was taken in the Act. Common mercenary Prostitutes were in a great measure allow'd of, for the satisfying of Lust; but they were not to keep Company with modest Women, and, as a Badge of Distinction, wore flower'd Garments; neither were the Men, who were notorious for frequenting their Company, allow'd to speak in publick. He who forc'd a Free-Woman,

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was fin'd a hundred Drachms: But this Law-giver was so indulgent in the Use of Boys, that he debarr'd only the Slaves from it, as too great a Privilege. He admitted none into any part of the Magistracy under thirty Years of Age; and when they were enter'd, was more particularly severe in punishing their Failings; infomuch that it was Death to an *Archon* to be taken Drunk. 'Tis observable he made no Law against Parricide, as not imagining any would be guilty of it. These were the chief of his Ordinances, and many more might be mention'd; of which one is very remarkable, that he branded those with Infamy, who stood Neuter in a Sedition; as not thinking they could ever make good Citizens, who express'd no Fellow-feeling for their Country. He also reform'd the *Calendar*, reducing the Year into such a Form, as was most agreeable to the Motion of the Sun. Having compleated the Body of the Laws themselves, he took due Care for the Execution of them, that the Citizens might not pretend Ignorance in what they were to do, or to avoid. To this End, Transcripts of them were publickly expos'd in the City for every one to peruse; at least, so that any one might have Recourse to them upon Occasion: And it was the Business of the *Thesmotheta* to Revise them carefully, and repeat them distinctly once a Year. For the further Information of the People, when they were summon'd to the *General Assembly*, they had Notice given 'em of the subject Matter of the Debate, and time to prepare themselves accordingly. *Solon's* last Care was to perpetuate his Laws: And least through the Connivance of the Magistrates they

they should in time be neglected, like those of his Pedecessor, he caus'd the Senate to take a solemn Oath to observe them; and every one of the *Thesmothetae*, vow'd that if he violated any of them, he would dedicate a Golden Statue of equal weight with himself to the *Delphian Apollo*: The People he also oblig'd to observe 'em a hundred Years.

Thus he finish'd his new Settlement; wherein his chief Aim was to poise one Part of the State with the other: So that what the Commons wanted in Wealth and Honour, was sufficiently made up to them in their Share of the Government. This was reducing things, as near as he could, to an exact Equality: And indeed it was no easie Task to find out a Cure for such a Complication of Distempers, where the Weakness of those he had to do with, would hardly permit him to make Use of suitable Remedies. And therefore when one ask'd him, if he had prescrib'd good Laws to the *Athenians*, Yes, said he, *as good as they are capable of receiving*. Since therefore they would admit of no Government, but a *Democracy*, he form'd his Laws according to that Model. It did not indeed come up to that of *Sparta* laid down by *Lycurgus*; and the Difference is easily accounted for, from the Temper of the *Athenians*, which was too delicate, and capricious, to be brought to those grave and regular Austerities; and without considering the great Sway the People bore in the Execution of the Laws, the Laws themselves were more numerous and confus'd, and could not therefore be so religiously observ'd, as they were at *Sparta*. Yet such this Establishment was, as restor'd
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the Love of Labour and Husbandry, made way for Commerce, put the *Athenians* into a Condition of being rich at home, and powerful abroad, and with the Rules of Justice, Order, and Discipline, serv'd to tame and polish a People bred up in Liberty, and perswaded that Force and Violence were the only Preservatives against Oppression.

VII. This new Constitution, tho' generally well receiv'd, yet was not free from Censure: And therefore *Solon*, to prevent all cavilling and tampering with him about his Laws, got leave to travel for ten Years, in hopes they would in that time be establish'd by Custom. But whilst he was abroad taking a Survey of *Egypt*, *Cyprus*, and *Lydia*, *Athens* was again imbroil'd by the old Faction of the three contending Parties about the Form of the Common-wealth. The poorer Sort inclining most to a *Democracy*, were headed by *Pisistratus*, descended from King *Codrus*, and by the Mother's Side related to *Solon*; a Man made up of Design and Artifice, yet seemingly open, tractable, and without Passion. He profess'd nothing so much as a Desire of Equality, and Aversion to Change; and manag'd the Disguise with something so modest and affable in his Behaviour, and such a soft and voluble Tongue, that it was not easie to resist the Appearance of so much Merit. Nor indeed did any Body suspect him, but *Solon*, who being return'd, soon perceiv'd he was setting up for himself, and endeavour'd to take him off first by fair Means, often declaring both to himself and others, *That if it were not for his Desire of Rule, he knew no Body better*

Pisistratus.

ter form'd for a good Man, and a good Citizen. But *Pisistratus* resolv'd to make use of the good Opinion of those, who had thrown themselves upon his Protection; and having wounded himself, went in his Chariot into the Market-place, where he complain'd of having been barbarously assaulted for his good Intentions to the Publick; and demanded a Guard might be assign'd him for the Defence of his Person. *Solon*, upon this Exploit, compar'd him to *Ulysses* in *Homer*, but told him, *He did not act the Part right; for his Design, says he, in cutting himself, was to deceive his Enemies, but Yours is against your Fellow-Citizens.* He also upbraided the People with their Stupidity, telling them, *That for his own Part, he had Wit enough to see through this Design, and Courage enough to oppose it.* But *Pisistratus* his Party prevail'd; and having obtain'd a Guard of fifty Men, he insensibly increas'd the Number, 'till by their Assistance he possess'd himself of the Castle, and with that of the Sovereignty.

Usurps the Government.

A. M.
3443.
Olym. 54.4

This gave a general Alarm, and *Solon* was not wanting in his repeated Efforts to the People, telling 'em, *They might with more Ease indeed have crush'd the Tyranny in the Bud; but that it would be more glorious now to pluck it up by the Roots.* But the Surprise struck such a Damp into their Spirits, that no Body offer'd to back his Remonstrances. On the contrary, they ask'd him, *To what he himself trusted, that he ventur'd to speak so boldly?* To whom he reply'd, *My Age.* Finding all ways ineffectual to move them, he retir'd, saying, *He had at least the Satisfaction of having discharged his Duty to his Country, and the Laws.*

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Soon after, that he might not seem to countenance this Change, he quitted *Athens*; and tho' *Pisistratus* importun'd him to return, he chose rather to spend the Remainder of his Life in *Lydia*, *Cilicia* and *Cyprus*. In the former of these Places he had the famous Conference with *Cræsus* about Happiness; the Result of which was, *That no Man could be accounted happy before he dy'd.* *Cræsus*, who had'invited him to admire the Pomp and Grandeur of his Court, dismiss'd him with a Contempt of his Ignorance, or ill Manners: But being afterwards taken Prisoner by *Cyrus*, and order'd to be burnt alive, he cry'd out thrice upon *Solon*; of which *Cyrus* demanding the Reason, *Cræsus* told him all that had formerly pass'd between 'em, and that now he found his Words verify'd. *Cyrus* was so affected with the Relation, that he not only set him at Liberty, but contracted a Friendship with him much to the Honour of *Solon*, who by this means had preserv'd one King, and at the same time instructed another. In *Cilicia* he founded a City call'd from himself *Soleis*, and planted in it some *Athenians*, whose Language being corrupted by that of the Country, they were said to *Solæcise*. Soon after he dy'd in *Cyprus* about the fifty fifth Olympiad, the eightieth Year of his Age, and the second of *Pisistratus*'s Government. Besides the Wisdom, and Integrity of this great Man, which have appear'd through the whole Course of his Laws, and Administration, he was Master of many other distinguishing Qualities. He had so good a *Genius* for Rhetorick, that from him *Cicero* dates the Rise of Eloquence in *Athens*. He also made several successful Attempts in Poetry;

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And Character.

etry; and *Plato* says, it was only for want of due Application, that he did not come to dispute the Prize with *Homer* himself. But his most shining Talent was the Study of Politicks, and Morality; wherein he succeeded so well, as to obtain one of the first Places among the *Sages* of Antiquity.

We must not dismiss his Character, without mentioning several of his Contemporaries, who by displaying a Fund of Reason, and good Sense, laid the Foundation of those Improvements, which afterwards made *Greece* the *Metropolis* of Science and Philosophy. These were the *Seven Wise Men* properly so call'd; which Attribute was given to them in the third Year of the forty ninth *Olympiad*. Their Names were *Thales*, *Pittacus*, *Bias*, *Solon*, *Cleobulus*, *Myson*, and *Chilon*. As most of them had a Share in the Government of Cities, and Common-wealths, they directed the Tenour of their Precepts to the good Establishment of the several Societies they liv'd in. These they endeavour'd to inculcate by short and comprehensive Sentences, which were only general Maxims of Civil Prudence, and Morality, without Order or Connexion, concerning natural Justice and Honesty, Piety to Friends and Relations, Zeal for the Publick, and other common Offices of Life. Out of this loose Collection, each of them assum'd to himself some one Sentence more remarkably expressive, in the Nature of a *Motto*. But the first of the Seven had more refin'd Notions than the rest, carrying his Thoughts from Matters of immediate Use, and Practice, to Speculation.

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Time, and is almost universally assign'd to
Greece. Not but that some Parts of it were of a
more early and foreign Extraction, being chiefly
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cessity. Thus the *Egyptians* form'd the Prin-
ciples of *Geometry* from the Division of their
Harvests, when their Land-marks had been swept
away by the Inundation of the *Nile*. The
Assyrians from the Advantage of an open
Champaign Country, a clear Sky, and abun-
dance of Leisure, naturally betook themselves
to the Contemplation of the Stars, and from
thence laid the Foundation of *Astronomy*: A-
mong them the *Chaldeans* refin'd upon these
Speculations, and improv'd them into Notions
of *Astrology*. And the *Phenicians* drew a fur-
ther more certain and beneficial Use from them
in respect of their Navigation; wherein they
succeeded so well, that they were the first who
found out, that there was a fixt Point towards
the Pole, by which Pilots might steer with
Safety. The most general and extensive Parts
of Learning the *Egyptians* laid claim to: Tho'
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Civility among them, especially before their fa-
mous *Hermes Trismegistus*; and even of him
those Remains, which are still extant, are look'd
upon as a Supposititious Mixture of *Egypti-*
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free Intercourse with the first People, the *Jews*.
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them, *Aegypt* was excepted from that general Abhorrence, they were commanded to express for most of the other *Gentiles*. But whatever Foundation they had laid of the Arts and Sciences, it is certain they did not make a suitable Progress in them. For as they were a People grossly Superstitious, the Priests taking Advantage of their Weakness, work'd up their Observations on Nature into a sort of *Theology*; and by veiling them under *Symbols*, and *Hieroglyphicks* from the Apprehensions of the Vulgar, turn'd every thing into Mystery and Religion. They had their Design, which was to beget a Reverence in the Peoples Hearts towards themselves: But this secret Management was far from making any real Advancement in Philosophy. It serv'd however to give them a mighty Reputation in the World; which put the *Grecians*, who were of a very active and inquisitive Temper, upon diving into their Mysteries. With this Design they made several Voyages to them; and notwithstanding this *Aegyptian Darkness*, made some Discoveries, which they carry'd home with them, and which serv'd as the Ground-work for an ample Superstructure. Government being the principal Care of all Nations, *Solon*, *Lycurgus*, and others bent their Studies this way, and made no further Use of their Travels, than to enrich their Schemes with Laws and State-Policies. Others, who were less engaged in State-Affairs, turn'd their Thoughts upon more subtle, and refin'd Speculations concerning Nature, and the Works of Providence. The first, who made any successful Attempts this way, at least the first we have any certain Account of, was *Thales*, who was born

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born in the thirty fifth *Olympiad*, and was thought to be originally a *Phenician*, but living at *Miletus* of *Ionia*, was call'd the *Milesian*. He introduc'd into *Greece* the Elements of *Geometry* and *Astronomy*; and form'd several plausible Notions of the Theory of the *Universe*, which he conceiv'd to be animated by a *Supreme Being*, as the *Soul* of it, and the Author of all natural Motion. He had also some faint Idea of the Immortality of the Soul. To him is ascrib'd the Invention of taking the Height of the *Pyramids* by their Shadows. He divided the Celestial Sphere into five Circles: He first observ'd the Solstices, and *Æquinoxes*; and discover'd the Reason of Eclipses, which before were look'd upon as supernatural Presages of some publick Calamity. His particular Tenet was, that Water is the first Principle of all Natural Bodies. Having enrich'd his Country with Treasures of this kind, he pass'd for the *Original Founder of Philosophy*; and dy'd about ninety Years old, as he was sitting a Spectator at the *Olympick Games*. His Doctrine was soon propagated by *Anaximander*, and *Anaximenes*, both *Milesians*, and his Scholars; the former of which made such considerable Improvements, that he is reckon'd the more immediate *Founder of the Ionick Sect*. In opposition to his Master's Opinion concerning Water, he made Infinity the *Universal Principle*. He distinguish'd the four Elements, discover'd the Obliquity of the *Zodiack*, and form'd the first Draught of a general System, by placing the Earth in the Centre of the *Universe*. These were the Steps these first Heroes made in Philosophy: And tho' they did not arrive to any distinct Knowledge,

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ledge, so as to take off that Veil, which was drawn over most of the Works of Providence; yet it redounds very much to their Glory, that they trac'd out the Way so far, as to make them the Subject of a more severe and accurate Enquiry.

Pythagoras.

But the *Ionick* Philosophy was soon Eclips'd by another Sect of a much greater Extent and Duration, which was call'd the *Italic*, and establish'd in the Person of *Pythagoras*: Of whom we may give some general Account, without entering upon the many Contradictions and Absurdities, which have sully'd both the Life and Doctrine of this great Man. He was born at *Samos* towards the forty seventh Olympiad. He study'd first under *Hermodamas* a Grammarian, and then improv'd himself under *Pherecydes* of *Syrus* one of the *Cyclades*, a Man of great Repute for his Wisdom, and the first, as *Cicero* says, who asserted the Immortality of the Soul. He travell'd young into *Aegypt*; where being well recommended by *Polycrates*, he found an easie Access to the Priests: Tho' as they were naturally Jealous and Uncommunicative, they enjoin'd him all the Austerities of their Order, in hopes to deter him from penetrating too far into their Mysteries. But his Curiosity carry'd him through the strictest Course of Probation; and having in five and twenty Years enrich'd himself with great Variety of Learning, he return'd home. Where being under some Apprehensions from the Tyranny establish'd at *Samos*, he remov'd first to *Peloponnesus*, and from thence to *Crotona* in *Italy*, where he spent the Residue of his Life; and was at last either kill'd,

kill'd, or starv'd to Death by means of a Tumult rais'd by one *Cylon*, because *Pythagoras* finding him to be a profligate young Man, wou'd not admit him into his School. The Inhabitants of *Crotona* had formerly by their Industry and Courage gain'd such a Reputation, that it was said proverbially of them, *The last of the Crotoniates is the first of the Grecians.* But having suffer'd a great Loss in a Battel with the *Locrians*, they were sunk into a State of Sloth and Effeminacy at the time when *Pythagoras* settled among them. Who thinking it a Task worthy his Care to restore them to a sense of their former Merit, exerted himself in the Nature of a Lawgiver, and prescrib'd to them such convincing Rules of Religion, Justice, Temperance, and other Virtues, that they easily assented to every thing he said, and the Magistrates themselves courted him to accept a Share in the Administration. After this Reformation of their Manners, he began to make open Profession of his Wisdom, in order to establish his Sect. But thinking the Title of *Wise*, which his Predecessors had assum'd to themselves, too arrogant, he modestly declin'd it, and was the first that call'd himself a *Philosopher*, or *Lover of Wisdom*. He enjoin'd his Scholars Silence for five Years, to make himself heard with more Attention and Respect. He had learn'd in *Egypt* to give to all his Instructions an Air of Gravity and Mystery: Yet to avoid being too Enigmatical, he chose to deliver most of them in *Symbols*; which under a Sense that was plain and simple, including another that was wholly figurative, he endeavour'd by them neither to divulge his Do-

ctrine, nor to *conceal* it; for these short Expressions held a middle place between the *Hieroglyphick*, and the common way of Discourse, and were therefore thought most proper for his Design, which was to *disclose* the Truth without *prophaning* it. His common Method of teaching was by *Geometry*, *Numbers*, and *Musick*; by the first of which he explain'd material and sensible things, and by the two latter, intellectual. Not that he fancy'd there was any intrinsic Virtue in Numbers, but that these just Proportions, as they serv'd to divide and explain things, so they made his Doctrine appear more profound, than really it was, As to his *Theology*, he was the first who brought into *Greece* the true Name of *God*, which he communicated to his Disciples under the Name of *Quaternion*, or *Number of Four*; For the *Quaternion* of *Pythagoras* is allow'd to be the *inutterable* Name, or the *Jehovah* of the *Hebrews*. He had also been brought up in a Belief of the Soul's Immortality: But because he could not conceive how it should exist after its Separation from the Body, this put him upon establishing his Opinion of the *Metempsychosis*, or Transmigration of Souls; and for this Reason he forbid the eating of *Flesh*, or using it in Sacrifices. He was the first who taught the Principles of *Physicks*: And tho' we cannot expect from him any compleat System, yet there was in the whole Course of his Enquiries something more solid and regular, than what had hitherto been deliver'd. From hence it was, that his Sect soon arriv'd to be the only one of a fix'd Reputation; and out of it came all the Philosophers, who flourish'd for the
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Space of near four hundred Years, and who were divided into so many different Sects.

But to return to *Athens*, *Pisistratus* did not enjoy his Usurpation much above three Years, before he was displac'd by *Megacles*, and *Lycurgus*, the Heads of the two other Factions; who also in five Years more were a Means of his Restitution. For not agreeing among themselves, *Megacles* promis'd to restore him upon Condition he would marry his Daughter. With this Design, they dress'd up *Phya* a tall Woman in Armour to counterfeit *Minerva*, and putting her in a Chariot, sent to prepare the Citizens for her Reception, telling 'em, the Goddess was come in Person in behalf of *Pisistratus*: Which being acted with wonderful Assurance, succeeded so well, that they immediately ador'd the Deity, and re-instated her Favourite. In about ten Years *Megacles* reviv'd the Quarrel upon a Pretence that *Pisistratus* slighted his Daughter, and having marry'd her only to regain the Sovereignty, did not use her as his Wife. He being inform'd of their Designs against him, retir'd voluntarily into *Eretria*, a City of *Eubœa*: And after ten Years more having form'd an Alliance with the *Argives*, and *Thebans*, got *Marathon* a Town of *Attica*, into his Hands. From thence he march'd against *Athens*, routed those who came out against him, and that they should not rally, sent 'em word, *They had nothing to fear from him, if they would go Home, and be quiet.* By this Means he got Possession the third Time, and establish'd himself by his Mony and Allies, and by keeping his Enemies Sons as Hostages 'till his Death, which hap-

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pen'd not long after. During the whole course of his Reign, which was thirty three Years, including the sixteen of his Exile, he demean'd himself with such Moderation and Justice, as might have put lawful Sovereigns to the Blush. Of which we have an Instance in *Plutarch*, that being accus'd of a Murder, tho' it was in the time of his Tyranny, he went to plead his Cause before the *Areopagites*; but his Accuser did not appear. He not only carry'd it fair with *Solon*, but paid a sort of Reverence to his Person, and his Laws; to which he made some few Additions, by providing for the Maintenance of maim'd Soldiers, to oblige the Army, and ordering the Country to be kept in good Tillage. The Pretence of this last, was to prevent Idleness, and promote Husbandry; but the real Design was to disperse the People, as the surest Method to take away all Occasion of plotting and caballing, and to support a precarious Government. Besides his natural Talent for Oratory, he had more acquir'd Learning, than was generally to be met with in those Times; and express'd a particular Esteem of it, by erecting the first publick Library. He was certainly Master of many excellent Qualities; and perverted them no further, than as they stood in Competition with Empire. So that the People had nothing to object against him, but his having a Power greater than the Laws; and by his not exerting that Power, when it was in his Hands, he almost conquer'd the Aversion the *Athenians* had conceiv'd for the *Royalty*. Upon these Accounts he was deservedly oppos'd to other Tyrants, and Usurers: And *Cicero* thought it no Reflection upon *Ju-*

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lius Caesar, to call him *The Pisistratus of Rome*. In another Place, doubting with himself how that Emperor would use his good Fortune after the Battel of *Pharsalia*, *We are uncertain yet*, says he to his Friend *Atticus*, *whether the Fate of Rome will have it, that we groan under a Phalaris, or enjoy our selves under a Pisistratus*.

He left his three Sons, *Hippias*, *Hipparchus*, and *Thessalus*, in joint Possession of the Government, the supreme Authority being lodg'd in *Hippias*, as the eldest. *Thessalus* is represented as bold and headstrong: Tho' *Diodorus* makes him the most deserving of the three; and says he ingratiated himself with the People, by quitting his Share in the Tyranny. But the Accounts of the two former being more clear, and full, we must confine our selves to their Story. They continu'd the Laws, and Magistrates as they found them; adorn'd the City; and exacted only the twentieth Part of the publick Revenue: They agreed so well among themselves, and pursu'd their Father's Methods so succesfully, that *Athens* had still nothing but the Name of Tyranny to complain of.

Here we must leave them in the quiet Possession of *Athens*, to take a View of another Tyranny erected about the same time in *Samos*. The Government of this Island had hitherto been in the Hands of the People: *Herodotus* indeed mentions a former King under the Name of *Amphicrates*, but without the time or other Circumstances of his Reign; and therefore we may look upon *Polycrates* as the first, of whom we have any certain Account. He having usurp'd the Government, at first divided it with his

Account of Samos under Polycrates.

his two Brothers; 'till having murder'd one, and banish'd the other, he became absolute, and establish'd himself by an Alliance with *Ægypt*. It was a Maxim with him, *That he gratify'd his Friend more by restoring what he had taken, than if he had never taken any thing from him.* Wherefore having made himself Master of a Fleet of a hundred Sail, he harass'd all the Country about him; made his Name formidable both in *Europe* and *Asia*; and had such an incredible Glut of good Fortune to encourage his Attempts, that from oppressing his Subjects and Neighbours, he aspir'd to the Sovereignty of *Greece*. In the mean while an exil'd Party of the *Samians*, tho' they were an *Athenian* Colony, address'd themselves to the *Lacedæmonians* for their Assistance. For *Sparta* by her strict Discipline, and the late successful Effects of it in the *Messenian* Wars, had so far got the start of her Neighbours in Military Glory, that the first Application of any State in Distress, was generally made to her. The *Lacedæmonians* gave them a satisfactory Answer, as thinking it necessary to stop the Tyrant's Progress: So that whatever specious Pretences they form'd to palliate the Business, they resolv'd to proceed against him as a common Enemy. Accordingly they arriv'd at *Samos* with a great Fleet, and invested the City: But attempting to storm it, were repuls'd with Loss; and having lain forty Days before it, were forc'd to raise the Siege, and return home. Those *Samians*, who were in the Conspiracy, when they found they had miscarry'd in this Enterprize, retir'd into *Crete*, and built *Cydonia*: But *Polycrates* was soon after betray'd into the Hands of

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of the *Persians*, and nail'd to a Cross. The *Sa-* *The Death of Polycrates.*
mians were so remiss in asserting their Freedom A. M.
upon his Death, that they suffer'd him to be 3481.
succeeded by his Secretary *Meandrius*. He Olym. 64.2
was forc'd to give way to *Syloson*, the Brother Meandri-
of *Polycrates*; who returning from his Exile us.
with a Body of *Persians*, possess'd himself of Syloson.
the Island, and treated the Inhabitants with
great Severity. Yet still they admitted his Son
Eaces; and tho' they recover'd their Liberty Eaces.
by the Expulsion of this latter, it was not
owing so much to their own Endeavours, as to
the Juncture of Affairs at that time, which
wrought a general Change of Government
throughout all the Cities of *Ionia*. Notwithstand- *The Plateans Alliance with Athens.*
ing the ill Success of the *Lacedaemonians* against
Samos, they were still importun'd and courted:
And the *Plateans* were the next, who implor'd A. M.
their Protection against the continual Insults of 3484.
their Neighbours the *Thebans*. But they ex- Olym. 65.1
cus'd themselves, as lying at too great a dis-
tance to relieve 'em, and referr'd them to the
Athenians: Who accordingly enter'd into a strict
Alliance with them; which for many Years
after prov'd a great Eye-sore to the *Thebans*,
and their Confederates.

But to return to *Athens*, this Harmony in
the State, after it had lasted about fourteen
Years from the Death of *Pisistratus*, was de-
stroy'd by an Accident, which befell *Hip-*
parchus. He was a Man of Wisdom and Learn-
ing, but being naturally amorous, fell in Love
with a young Man call'd *Harmodius*; and find-
ing after many Sollicitations he would not com-
ply, to be reveng'd of him, offer'd Violence to
his Sister, *Harmodius* acquainted his Friend
Aristogiton

Hipparchus kill'd.

Aristogiton with the whole Affair; who being also a passionate Admirer of him, they form'd a Conspiracy against *Hipparchus*, and the Tyranny. They fix'd the Execution of their Designs upon the Feast of *Panathenaea*, because at that time they might go arm'd without Suspicion; and taking their Opportunity, rush'd in upon him, and stabb'd him, but were themselves also slain in the Tumult. *Hippias* to prevent further Disorders, got all those disarm'd, whom he could any way suspect as Accomplices in the Enterprize; and tho' he was sufficiently exasperated at his Brother's Death, he did not think this a proper time to resent it. But not knowing how far this Accident might contribute to the Subversion of the Tyranny, he thought it necessary to strike a Terror into his Subjects, before they had gain'd too far upon him. So that from that time he became cruel and imperious, and endeavour'd to establish himself by Measures quite contrary to those he had hitherto pursu'd.

But the *Athenians* being more thoroughly rous'd by this violent Proceeding, thought it time to throw off the Yoke, when they felt the Weight of it. The chief who stirr'd in it, were the *Alcmaonidae*, a part of *Megacles's* Faction, descended from *Nestor* by *Alcmaon*, and driven out of *Messenia* by the *Heracleidae*. They distrusting their own Strength, corrupted the *Pythia* to engage the *Lacedaemonians* in their Quarrel; so that whatever Business the *Spartans* consulted about at *Delphi*, the Oracle constantly propos'd to them the setting *Athens* at Liberty. By which repeated Advice, they were forc'd to undertake it as a Point of Religion; and accordingly sent an Army under the Com-

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Command of *Anchimolius*. The *Pisistratida* having Notice of it, procur'd a thousand Horse out of *Thessaly*; who falling in upon the *Spartan* Camp, slew the General with many others, and beat the rest to their Ships. The *Lacedaemonians* afterwards sent another Army by Land under *Cleomenes* the Son of *Anaxandrides*, who engaging with the *Thessalian* Horse, kill'd about forty, and put the rest to Flight. After which the *Pisistratida* retir'd into the City, and order'd their Children to be convey'd away privately: But the *Spartans* happening to intercept them, would accept of no other Ransom, than that their Parents should within five Days leave *Attica*: Which accordingly they did; and *Hippias* went immediately to *Lampsacus*, (whose ^{Hippias expelled.} Prince had marry'd his Daughter) having not A. M. possess'd the Tyranny above four Years after 3494. his Brother's Death. Thus was *Athens* re-instated with a full Appearance of Liberty, after an Interruption of one and fifty Years; thirty five of which *Pisistratus* and his Sons were actually in Possession of the Government. This Change was immediately owing to the *Alcmaonide*; but *Harmodius*, and *Aristogiton* were so far instrumental in it, that, because they began the Attempt, and fell a Sacrifice to the Cause, the *Athenians* erected Statues to their Memory, with a Decree that their Names should never be given to any Slaves. They also consecrated a Lioness without a Tongue, in Honour of *Leana* *Aristogiton's* Mistress; who being put to the Torture by *Hippias*, to force her to a Discovery of the Plot, she bit off her Tongue, and spit it in the Executioner's Face, that she might not have it in her Power to confess.

Hippias
expelled.
A. M.
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B O O K II.

*The Affairs of Greece, from
the intire Subversion of the
Regal Power in Athens,
to the End of the Pelopon-
nesian War.*

Containing the Space of 105 Years.

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*From the Expulsion of Hippias to the
Battel of Marathon.*

Containing the Space of 20 Years.

I. GREECE was no sooner settled under her several new Forms of Government, but the whole Power of *Asia* threatned her with unavoidable Destruction. This was the famous *Persian* War; where-
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in tho' *Athens* was principally concern'd, the other States were oblig'd for their common Interest and Safety to unite, as they did in the *Trojan War*: And as that first general Expedition put an end to the *Infancy* of *Greece*, so did this to its *Minority*. But before we pass into *Asia*, we must take a View of *Athens* and *Lacedamon*, with the most remarkable Transactions that happen'd before the coming down of the *Persian*, being chiefly such as contributed towards it.

The Regal Power was no sooner abolish'd in *Athens*, but the People wrested too great a Share of the Government into their Hands: So that things were carry'd by Tumult and Faction; and they were seldom free from as great, or worse Disorders, than those they complain'd of under their Kings. The first Contest after the Expulsion of the *Pisistratida*, was between *Clisthenes* and *Isagoras*, two principal Men of the City, who were both grasping at the same Power, which they had so lately been very instrumental in suppressing. *Clisthenes* finding his Party too weak to carry it with a high Hand, fell in with the People, and from an Invader of their Liberties, set up for a Patriot. To this end he chang'd the Names of the Tribes, encreasing the Number from four to ten; and added an hundred to the Council of four hundred, ordering fifty to be chosen annually out of each Tribe. But his most popular Act was the *Ostracism*; which by some is carry'd as high as *Theseus*, but more generally granted to have been introduc'd about this time, and ascrib'd to *Clisthenes* as the Author, who is also recorded as the first Example of his own Law.

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The manner of performing it was, that every Citizen not under sixty Years old should give in a Name written upon a *Tile* or *Oyster-shell*, (from whence it had its Name) and he, upon whom the Majority fell, was pronounc'd banish'd for ten Years. The Pretence of this Institution was not to punish those as Offenders, who had deserv'd well of the State, but only to blunt the Edge of Envy by removing the Object; and for this reason their Estates were preserv'd intire for them 'till their Return. But the real Design was to take off all such as for Reputation, Quality, Riches, or Eloquence were esteem'd above the common Level: Which was a barbarous Discouragement to all sorts of Merit and Ambition, and yet judg'd necessary in a State, where all were to be of equal Credit and Authority. And therefore it obtain'd not only in *Athens*, but also in *Argos*, *Megara*, *Miletus*, and *Syracuse*, tho' under different Names, and with several Restrictions. The last who suffer'd this way, was *Hyperbolus* an idle rascally Fellow, who made it his Business to furnish Scandal for the Stage, and was made use of by the People, as a necessary Tool to asperse Men of Interest and Reputation. It happen'd that *Alcibiades*, *Nicias*, and *Phaax* being of different Factions, and bearing a great Sway in the State, lay open to the Envy of the inferior Citizens; who therefore would have one of them banish'd. Which they having notice of, united their Parties, and turn'd the *Ostracism* upon *Hyperbolus*, who had set the People against 'em. But this was thought such a Contempt put upon the Thing, that upon his Account it was laid aside. *Isagoras* being by

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these Methods over-power'd at home, betook himself to *Cleomenes* the *Spartan* King, with whom he had contracted an Intimacy during the War with *Hippias*. He espous'd his Quarrel, and having got *Clisthenes*, and the Heads of his Party banish'd the City, march'd thither with an Army, and expell'd seven hundred Families more of those, who were most likely to make head against him, but did it under a Pretence of their not having expiated the Death of *Cylon*. His next Attempt was to dissolve the Senate, and commit the Administration to three hundred of *Isagoras's* Faction: But this being strongly oppos'd both by Senate, and People, he seiz'd the Castle, where he suffer'd himself for two days to be besieg'd. On the third *Isagoras*, and *Cleomenes* with his *Spartans* had leave to depart; but the *Athenians*, who had been assisting in this Enterprize, were imprison'd, and put to Death. After which *Clisthenes* with the seven hundred Families was recall'd; who finding it not safe to make any further Attempts upon the Liberty of *Athens*, restor'd the *Democracy*, as settled by *Solon*.

The Athenians seek Alliance with Persia.

But the *Athenians* knowing how they had incens'd the *Lacedemonians*, thought it necessary to be upon their Guard, and therefore sent to enter into Alliance with the *Persian*, who made that a Pretence to demand of 'em *Earth and Water*, the usual Tokens of Homage and Subjection, by which was yielded up the Sovereignty and Propriety of all included in those Elements. The Ambassadors finding they would not treat with them upon any other Terms, consented to it, but were mightily blam'd at their Return, as having acted so much below

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below the Dignity of the State: And indeed this servile Compliance may be consider'd as one remote Cause of the *Persian Descent*.

Cleomenes in the mean while was levying Forces to make another Attempt in behalf of *Isagoras*; with which he march'd into *Attica*, having contracted with the *Bæotians* and *Chalcidians* of *Eubœa* to second his Attack in other Places at the same time. The *Athenians* thus distress'd on all Sides, chose first to meet the *Peloponnesians* lying in *Eleusis*; and just as they were making up to them, the *Corinthians* mov'd with the Injustice of their Cause drew off, and were seconded by *Demaratus* the other *Spartan* King. The rest following their Example, the whole Army was dispers'd without any Action. But the *Athenians* reek'd their Revenge upon the *Bæotians*, killing and taking many of 'em Prisoners; and passing over the same Day into *Eubœa*, did the like by the *Chalcidians*. The *Thebans* in this Extremity contracted a League with *Ægina*, a small Island, but very rich, powerful at Sea, and a profess'd Enemy to *Athens*. While the *Æginetans* were infesting the Coasts of *Attica*, the *Lacedæmonians* took this Opportunity to renew their Quarrel with the *Athenians*, whom, since the Recovery of their Liberty had put 'em into a flourishing Condition, they began to look upon as Rivals. The best way of reducing 'em, they thought would be to place a Tyrant over them; and finding they could do no good with *Isagoras*, they sent for *Hippias*, with a Design to reinstate him: But debating the Matter among their Confederates, it was violently oppos'd, particularly by *Soficles* a *Corinthian*, who in-

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the Persian
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veighing against this, and all other Sorts of Tyranny, nothing more was done in it. So that *Hippias* return'd into *Asia*; and having got an Interest in the *Persian* Court, made it his Business to incense them against *Athens*, in hopes by their Assistance to be restor'd: And he so far prevail'd, that when the *Athenians* sent to vindicate their Proceedings, telling 'em, That *Hippias*, as being an Exile, ought not to have any Credit, or Countenance among them, the Answer they receiv'd, was, That if they would be safe, they must admit *Hippias*. *Athens* having so lately thrown off the Yoke, had too lively a Sense of her past Calamities, to accept the Condition, and resolv'd rather to suffer the last Extremity, than open her Gates again to a Tyrant. Which Refusal is to be consider'd as a principal Circumstance in the Quarrel between *Greece* and *Persia*.

The Affairs
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Asia.

II. But to set these Affairs in a clear Light, we must begin our Account of 'em in *Ionias*, where the War was kindled, and from whence it spread in its Progress, and was never thoroughly extinguish'd, but in the intire Subversion of the *Persian Monarchy*. The *Ionians* with the *Æolians*, *Carians*, and others stretching along the Sea-Coast of the *Lower Asia*, came to form a very considerable Body of Men, and went under the general Name of the *Asiatick Grecians*, being govern'd chiefly by their own Laws, with a full Enjoyment of their Liberty for about five hundred Years from their first settling in those Parts. After which they were overtopp'd by the Growth of *Lydia*, and made Tributary to *Cræsus*, who subdu'd 'em; 'till *Lydia*

dia it self soon after falling into the Hands of the *Persian*, they were also assign'd over with it, as a Part of the *Lydian* Territory, having Governors plac'd over their several Cities, whom they call'd their Tyrants. But as an half-conquer'd People, they were ready upon all Occasions to rebel, and made several unsuccessful Struggles both in *Cyrus's* time, and after him: The *Ionians* particularly, who bore the greatest Sway among 'em, and made as remarkable a Figure as any of the *Grecian* Colonies, could not brook this being shifted about from one to another, and therefore let no Advantage slip, which they could hope to improve into the Recovery of their Liberty.

That which favour'd their Designs at this time, was an Expedition of *Darius Hystaspes* the *Persian* King, against the *Scythians*: In order to which he had laid a Bridge over the *Ister*, and transported a numerous Army, leaving the *Ionians*, and their Neighbours at the Bridge, to secure his Retreat, and assist him with their Shipping. Whilst *Darius* was advanc'd into the Country, the *Ionians* finding him, and his whole Army at their Disposal, fell into a Debate, whether they should execute their Charge, or by breaking down the Bridge, leave them to the Fury of the Enemy. Besides their own Inclinations for the latter, the *Scythians* perswaded 'em to return home; assuring 'em, that *Darius* would never more be in a Capacity of doing 'em Good or Harm. But the chief Encourager of this Motion, was the famous *Milriades* an *Athenian*, descended from *Codrus*, whose Ancestors had retir'd during the Tyranny of *Pisistratus*, and left him

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at this time in the Government of the *Thracian Chersonesus*. He represented the Easiness, and Consequence of such an Action, telling 'em, *This was their time to free themselves from the Persian Yoke*. And they had certainly follow'd his Advice, if *Histiens*, Tyrant of *Miletus* a principal City of *Ionia*, had not strongly oppos'd it, urging to the other Tyrants, *That their Power was too precarious to subsist of it self, unless supported by the King their Master; and that therefore their Safety depended intirely upon his*. Which Argument sway'd so much with 'em, that the Project fell; and *Darius* being oblig'd to retire out of *Scythia*, they conducted him safe into *Asia*. Who, that he might make up in one Country, the Losses he sustain'd in another, left *Megabyzus* in *Europe* with eighty thousand Men to reduce *Thrace*, and other Maritime Places; after which he thought *Macedon* would fall of Course. This General soon executed the King's Order; and then dispatch'd seven principal Men of the Army to *Amyntas*, King of *Macedon*, to demand Earth and Water. Who doubting his own Strength, not only comply'd with their Demands, but gave 'em a splendid Entertainment, in the height of which, when they were heated with Wine, they desir'd *Amyntas* to crown so magnificent a Feast with the usual Freedoms of Gallantry, and that as an Earnest of their being Welcome, the Wives and Daughters of the *Macedonians* might be admitted into the Company. No sooner were the Ladies come into the Room, but the *Persians* behav'd themselves with great Immodesty towards them: Upon which *Alexander*, *Amyntas's* Son, desir'd his Father in regard

regard of his Age and Gravity to retire, and leave him to keep 'em within Bounds, or else to chastise their Insolence. Accordingly he takes the Women out of the Room, under Pretence of dressing 'em up to appear more agreeable, and in their stead brings in the same Number of young Men in Female Apparel with Daggers under their Cloaths; who watching their Opportunity, when the Strangers began to be free with 'em, stabb'd every Man of 'em with their Retinue. *Megabyzus* hearing nothing of his Messengers, sent *Bubares* with part of the Army to make a strict Enquiry into the Business: But he was taken off by Marriage with *Alexander's* Sister, and so the Matter fell. The next Year *Otanes* being sent as Successor to *Megabyzus*, reduc'd the Cities *Chalcedon* and *Byzantium*, with the Island *Lemnos*, and other places of less Note. *Darius* himself was now retir'd to *Susa*, and with him *Histiens*; *Histiens*, who being of a working Head, and restless Spirit, and presuming upon his Service at the *Ister*, the King did not think it safe to leave him behind; and therefore took him by fair Means, under a Pretence of using him as his Counsellor and Companion. But *Histiens* saw too far into his Designs, to be easie under this Change, which he look'd upon but as a more specious sort of Imprisonment; and therefore made it his Business to excite the *Ionians* to rebel, in hopes that for his Interest in that Country, he should be sent to reduce them, and from thence pick out some Opportunity of setting up for himself.

To this end he sent secret Instructions to *Aristagoras* his Deputy at *Miletus*, who was *excite a* *Rebellion.* *and Aristagoras*

A. M. 3502. easily tempted to that which he was going to undertake of himself. For having propos'd to Olym. 69.3 *Darius* the Conquest of the *Cyclades* Islands in the *Aegean* Sea, and miscarry'd in his first Attempt upon *Naxos*, he thought of encouraging the *Ionians* to revolt, as a means to secure his Interest in those Parts, and prevent his being call'd to Account for Mismanagement. His first Step was to abandon his own Tyranny; whereby having sufficiently oblig'd the *Milesians*, they assisted him in procuring the same Liberty for the other Cities: By which plausible Methods he soon had the whole Country at his Command. And to strengthen himself by Sea, he surpriz'd the *Persian* Fleet, of which he was lately Admiral in the Enterprize of *Naxos*. But not having any sufficient Force to oppose to the whole *Persian* Army, which he knew would soon be upon him, he went to *Sparta*; where he set forth the Riches of *Asia*, with the Weakness of the Inhabitants, in hopes to engage *Cleomenes* to join with him in the Conquest of *Persia*. But not prevailing, he went from thence to *Athens*, where he us'd the same Arguments, adding, that the *Milesians*, as an *Athenian* Colony, might very reasonably expect their Assistance.

And engage the Athenians in the Quarrel. The *Athenians* had at this time met with such very rough Treatment from the *Persian* in the Business of *Hippias*, that they readily embrac'd this Opportunity of shewing their Resentment; and accordingly mann'd out twenty Ships, to which the *Eretrians* of *Eubœa* added five more. *Aristagoras* with these joint Forces fell upon the *Persian* Frontiers, and surpriz'd *Sardis*, the Capital City of *Lydia*. *Artaphernes*,

taphernes, Brother to *Darius*, who resided here as Vice-Roy of *Lydia* and *Ionia*, was glad to secure himself in the Castle, from whence he beheld the Citizens slaughter'd, and the Town in Flames. The *Persians* and *Lydians* at last getting into a Body, charg'd the Enemy, and drove 'em to the Sea-side, killing many in the Pursuit, and forcing the rest to shelter themselves in *Ephesus*, and other neighbouring Cities. The *Athenians* could by no means be persuaded to rally after this Defeat; so that what they had done, serv'd only to incense the *Persian*, without any Honour, or Advantage to themselves. But the *Ionians* knowing they were gone too far to retreat, resolv'd to push on their Fortunes without them: And having taken *Byzantium* with other Towns upon the *Hellespont*, drew over *Cyprus* with a great part of *Caria* into their Alliance. But a sudden Stop was put to their Progress by a sharp Conflict at *Cyprus*, wherein the two Generals *Artybins* the *Persian*, and *Onesilas* the *Cyprian*, who encourag'd the Revolt of that Island, were kill'd. By Sea the *Ionians* had some Advantage; but the *Cyprians* were so intirely routed by Land, that they were forc'd again to submit to the *Persian* Yoke in a Year after they had thrown it off. The *Ionians* upon the ill Success of this Battel made to their Ships, leaving the *Persians* in a Condition to act offensively: So that they easily reduc'd *Caria*, and most of the Towns upon the *Hellespont* and *Propontis*, with *Clazomena* in *Ionia*, and *Cuma* in *Aeolia*. Whereupon *Aristagoras* fled to *Thrace*, and being oppos'd by the Inhabitants, was cut off with all his Forces.

Aristagoras kill'd.

Histians

Hippias finding things grown to a head, thought it time to stir: And tho' *Darius* suspected him, he still carry'd it fair with him, and trusted him with a Commission to go and pacifie the Troubles in *Ionia*. But when he came to *Sardis*, *Artaphernes* could not forbear taxing him as the Incendiary, telling him plainly, *That the Shoe, which Aristagoras had put on, was of his making*. So that finding himself detected, he knew not where to fix, but kept in continual Motion from one Place to another, in hopes to pick up Strength enough to carry on his Designs by open Force. But he who had acted on both Sides, was not easily trusted by either; neither would his old Friends the *Milesians* admit him into their City, tho' they had at this time need enough of his Assistance. For the War being pretty well over in other Parts, was carry'd on with the greater Vigour in *Ionia*; and the chief of the *Persian* Forces were employ'd against *Miletus*. The *Milesians* had no Land Army to oppose 'em: But by the Assistance of their Neighbours, particularly the *Chians*, *Lesbians*, and *Samians*, they furnish'd out a Fleet of between three and four hundred Sail. The *Persian* Navy consisted chiefly of *Phenicians*, *Cyprians*, *Egyptians* and *Cilicians*; and tho' they had the Superiority by almost double the Number of Vessels, they thought it more adviseable to treat with the several Tyrants, whom *Aristagoras* had depos'd, to draw off their Citizens, than to hazard an Engagement. While they were managing this Affair, the *Samians* concluded it would be to no purpose to incur the Anger of the *Persian*, who if he were defeated now, could soon send

a Fleet five times as big; and therefore were the first, who went off. The Confederacy being once broke, the *Lesbians* with a great part of the *Ionians* follow'd: So that the *Chians* alone stood to it, and were worsted. The *Persians* having carry'd their Point at Sea, left the *Milesians* nothing but their Walls to trust to; and it was not long before the City was closely block'd up, taken, and plunder'd, part of the Citizens being slain, and the rest carry'd Prisoners with their Wives and Children to *Susa*. The Fate of this City did in a manner put an end to the War. But *Histiaus*, who only waited to form his measures according to the Event of this Siege, by the help of some *Lesbians* easily subdu'd *Chios*, which was just before drain'd and weaken'd: And having pick'd up more scatter'd Remains of the *Ionians* and *Æolians*, pass'd from thence into *Myisia* upon some greater Expedition. But falling in with *Harpagus*, who lay there with a considerable Body of *Persians*, lost most of his Men, was himself taken Prisoner, and carry'd to *Artaphernes*, who immediately nail'd him to a Cross, and sent his Head to *Darius*; who was so far from being pleas'd with the Present, that he gave it honourable Interment, and lamented him, as one who had deserv'd well of him, and his Country. Thus the *Ionian* Rebellion, which had continu'd six Years from its first breaking out under *Aristagoras*, was by the Death of *Histiaus*, and the Fall of *Miletus* intirely suppress'd. For the Islands, and the Cities on the Continent fell in of course, when there was no Body left to head them: And this was the third time the *Ionians* were forc'd to undergo the

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The Ionian Rebellion suppress'd.

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the Yoke, first under the *Lydians*, and twice under the *Persians*.

III. *Darius*, whilst he was settling the Tribute, and securing his Conquests, cast his thoughts upon *Europe*, and made several Attempts on that Side with various Success: So that the End of this War was in effect but the Beginning of that long Train of Evils, which he brought upon himself, and his Successors. Two Years after the taking of *Miletus*, he withdrew the Commissions of his late Captains, and sent in their room *Mardonius*, who had marry'd his Daughter, with a good sufficient Fleet and Army. He went first into *Ionian*; where to keep the Inhabitants firm to the *Persian* Interest, he dissolv'd all the Tyrannies, and restor'd the *Democracy*. His next Expedition was with his Fleet against *Thasos*, a rich Island over against *Thrace*, the Land Forces being employ'd at the same time in reducing the other Parts of *Macedon*, which had not yet declar'd for his Master. Having been thus far successful, he coasted along by Mount *Athos*, where he met with such a violent Storm, that he lost three hundred of his Vessels, and in 'em above twenty thousand Men. It happen'd just after, that the Foot being quarter'd in *Macedon*, the *Brygi*, a People of *Thrace*, fell upon 'em by Night, kill'd many, and wounded *Mardonius*. And tho' he soon rally'd, and subdu'd 'em, he durst not pursue his Conquests, but return'd home with his shatter'd Fleet, and the Remains of his Army.

These Successes did so little answer the Loss of so many Ships and Men, that they serv'd rather

Mardonius.

His fruitless Expedition.

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rather to incense, than satisfy *Darius*, and made him resolve to send Force enough the next Year to do the Business effectually. He began now to declare himself obstinately bent upon the Conquest of *Greece*; to which Resolution many Circumstances concurr'd. Ever since the burning of *Sardis* he had vow'd Revenge upon the *Athenians*, and order'd one every time he sat down to Table, to cry out, *Sir, Remember the Athenians.* He could much easier have pardon'd the *Ionians*, tho' they were the principal Aggressors, as not thinking they would have dar'd to attempt any thing against him, but at the Instigation of those, whose Ignorance, or Contempt of his Power might encourage 'em to provoke him. As for the Islanders, they had furnish'd out a great Number of Ships against him: And the Pretence of making it a national Quarrel, was, that they had all in general given his Rebels free Harbour. To add to which, *Hippias* was always at hand to aggravate these Matters, that being the only means left him to recover his Tyranny. Not but the Business was likely enough to have proceeded without him. For the Noise the principal States of *Greece* began now to make in the World, could not but alarm the *Persian* Greatness: And *Darius* in the beginning of his Reign seem'd resolv'd to crush 'em, by sending several as Spies under the Conduct of *Democedes*, to take an exact Survey of the Country.

The more immediate Grounds of the Persian War.

In order therefore to this intended Invasion, he first try'd how the several Cities stood affected, sending to 'em all to demand Earth and Water; but at the same time gave Orders to the

the Cities upon the Sea-coasts to build long Ships, and flat-bottom'd Boats, for the Transportation of Horfe. The *Lacedemonians*, and *Athenians*, threw the Messengers into deep Pits, telling 'em, *There was Earth and Water to carry to their Master*. He who advis'd this, was said to be *Miltiades*; who besides his being an *Athenian*, had a personal Pique against the *Persians*, for forcing him from his Government of the *Chersonesus*, when they had invaded the *Thracian* Territories. The *Aeginetans* with some other Islands comply'd; and were thereupon accus'd by the *Athenians*, as having betray'd the Liberty of their Country, only for an Opportunity of fighting them to Advantage. The Matter was heard, and resent'd at *Sparta*; and *Cleomenes* went immediately to *Agina* to punish the Heads of the Revolt: But he had at that time a Difference with his Collegue *Demaratus*, who under-hand defeated his Designs. *Cleomenes* to be reveng'd of him, at his Return us'd his utmost Efforts to get him depos'd; and the Pretence was his being illegitimate. It seems *Ariston*, the Father of *Demaratus*, having no Children by two Wives, took a third, who was already marry'd to one of his Friends, which was allowable according to *Lycurgus's* Laws: And having this Son by her in seven Months after Marriage, he swore it was none of his. But for fear the Line of *Procles* should fail, the State took no notice of it, and he own'd the Child, leaving him Successor to his Crown and Virtues, he being not'd as the first *Spartan* King, who conquer'd in the *Olympick* Games. But upon this Contest between the two Kings, the old Business of

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of Bastardy was trump'd up, and the Oracle was to decide it. The *Pythia* being corrupted by *Cleomenes*, gave it against *Demaratus*: So that this, and his former Retreat out of *Attica*, which was the Grounds of the Quarrel, being objected against him, he was dethron'd, and succeeded by his Kinsman *Leutychides*. *Demaratus*, tho' he express'd a Love for his Country, went over to the *Persian*; by whom he was easily receiv'd at this Juncture, and entertain'd with all the Honour due to his Character. As for *Cleomenes*, he was soon after detected; and being struck with Remorse for the Injustice he had done his Collegue, in a fit of a Phrenzy rip'd up his own Belly. Nor did it fare much better with *Leutychides*, who afterwards prov'd a Traitor to his Country, and being convicted of Bribery, dy'd in Exile.

But he with *Cleomenes* had first taken ten of the principal Men of *Ægina*, and left 'em as Hostages at *Athens*. Which the *Æginetans* The War with Ægina having often complain'd of, and receiv'd no Redress, intercepted a Ship going to *Delos*, (according to a yearly Custom observ'd ever since *Theseus's* time) and in it the principal Men of *Athens*, whom, by way of Reprisal, they made Prisoners. Which so incens'd the *Athenians*, that they mann'd out seventy Gallies, and agreed at the same time to have the City of *Ægina* betray'd to 'em: But the Fleet coming up too late to second the Attempt by Land, that Design miscarry'd. However the Fleets engag'd, and the *Æginetans* were worsted: But being reinforc'd, they ventur'd another Battel, and got the better. This War seems to have been of a longer Continuance, tho' we have very little

little Light into the Particulars: But we may observe in general, that these civil Discords, which seem'd to favour the Designs of the common Enemy, did in a great measure procure the Safety of *Greece*, by putting the *Athenians* upon the Study of Sea-Affairs, and by that means preparing them for the *Persian*. So that they easily wrested the Sovereignty of the Seas from the Islanders, and particularly the *Aeginetans*, who had held it twenty Years; and that at a time when the Eyes and Hopes of all *Greece* were upon them, and when they could have done very little without it.

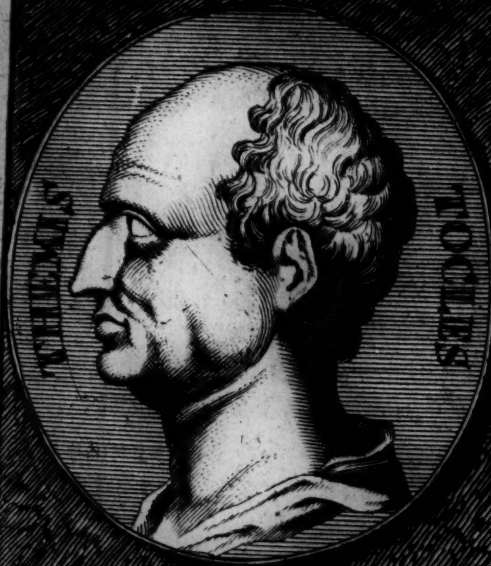
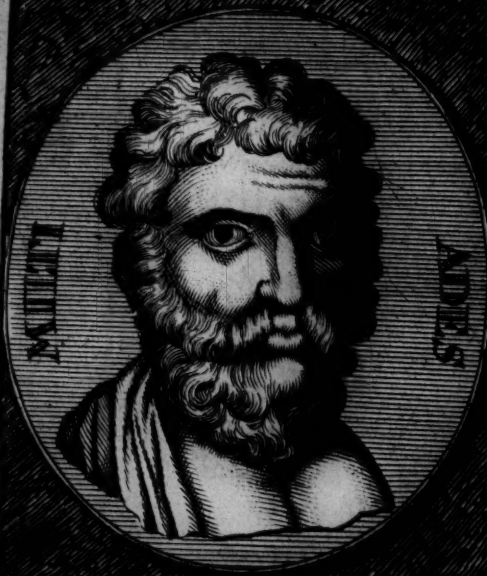
IV. Whilst the *Athenians* were engag'd in this War, *Darius* prosecuted his Designs upon *Greece*: And having levy'd an Army of an hundred thousand Foot according to the lowest Computation, (for *Justin* reckons six times as many) and ten thousand Horse, gave the chief Command to *Datis* a *Mede*, in the room of *Mardonius*, under whom the Fleet had miscarry'd, appointing *Artaphernes* his Brother's Son, and *Hippias* as his Assistants, and giving them an express Command to bring the *Athenians* and *Eretrians* Prisoners to him, and to lay waste their Country. Accordingly they embark'd in six hundred Gallies, besides Transports for the Horse: And directly crossing the *Aegean* Sea, possess'd themselves of *Samos*, *Naxos*, *Delos*, and the rest of the *Cyclades* to secure their Passage. From thence they sail'd to *Eubœa*; where the *Eretrians*, tho' the *Athenians* had lent 'em four thousand Men, thought it more adviseable to send 'em home, and keep within their Walls, than to offer Battel to such unequal

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unequal Numbers. For six Days the *Persians* attempted to storm the City, and were repulsed with Loss; but on the seventh it being betray'd into their Hands, they enter'd, plunder'd and burnt it. From thence *Hippias* conducted them into *Attica*; and they encamp'd in the Plains of *Marathon* ten Miles distant from *Athens*. The *Athenians* having notice of their March, and being sensible of the Disproportion, dispatch'd Messengers to *Sparta* for their speedy Assistance; and in the mean time chose ten of their Citizens to command their Forces. The *Lacedemonians* seem'd very willing to assist 'em; but being to be detain'd four Days upon a religious Account, it was debated among the *Athenians*, Whether they should wait for a Summons from the Enemy, as the *Eretrians* did, within their Walls, or go out to meet 'em. *Miltiades* earnestly press'd the latter, and with much Difficulty prevail'd. Accordingly they took the Field with only nine thousand of their own Men, and one thousand *Plateans*. Each Captain assign'd his Day of Command to *Miltiades*, who had by this means the whole Management of the Battel. He chose to put the Issue of it upon his own Day; and having dispos'd the Army into two Wings, and a main Body, led 'em on with such Fury and Precipitation, that the *Persians* thought they were rather to be laugh'd at as Madmen, than dreaded as Enemies. But being ingaged, and considering their *All* was at Stake, that therefore they must either die, or conquer, Despair added to their natural Courage, and they held the Victory long in Suspence. And tho' the main Battel was forc'd to give way to the *Persian* Numbers, both the *Athenian* Wings prevail'd, which gave 'em an

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Opportunity of relieving the rest. Which they did so effectually, that tho' there was ten to one against 'em, they soon disorder'd and routed the Enemy, and gain'd a Victory, which had more of Truth in it, than Probability. For they pursu'd 'em to their very Ships, several of which they took: And as an Instance of the Obstinacy, with which the *Grecians* fought, *Cynegirus* held a Gally full of *Persians* with his Right Hand, to keep it from putting off from Shore; which was no sooner lopp'd off, but he seiz'd it with his left, and losing that too, he fix'd his Teeth in it, and expir'd. As to the Number of the Slain, *Herodotus* reckons six thousand four hundred *Persians*, and but one hundred ninety two of the *Grecians*; among whom were few Officers of Note, but *Callimachus*, who commanded the Right Wing. *Hippias* is thought to have fell in this Battel; tho' *Suidas* says he escap'd, and dy'd miserably in *Lemnos*.

The *Persians* immediately retir'd into *Asia*, having nothing to cover their Disgrace but their Prisoners, whom they took in *Eretria*. These were presented to *Darius* at *Susa*, and settled near the *Tigris* upon much better Terms than they could expect: So that they, and their Posterity flourish'd in a Body for several Ages, and retain'd their Language. Two thousand of the *Spartans*, (whose Laws would not permit 'em to stir 'till the full of the Moon) came at last into the Field: But the Action being over, they serv'd only to testifie, and extol the Bravery of their Countrymen. Among whom *Themistocles*, tho' very young, did enough to signalize himself, and gave an early Promise of what might one Day be expected from him.

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But the chief Honour of the Day was justly ascrib'd to the Valour and Conduct of *Miltiades*; whose Reward, when he return'd to *Athens*, was only to have the Battel of *Marathon* painted in the publick Buildings, with himself at the Head of the ten Captains, giving his Directions.

Notwithstanding the general Confternation occasion'd by this War, Philosophy receiv'd daily Improvement from the Successors of *Thales* and *Pythagoras*. And Poetry had still her Votaries: Among whom were *Theognis*, *Theognis.* and *Phocylides*; whose Writings were chiefly *Phocylides.* Precepts and Sentences of Morality, which the latter of them is said to have stole from the Writings of the *Sibyls*. About the same Period dy'd *Anacreon* of *Teos* in *Ionia*; a Man of Ease and Pleasure, dividing all his Hours betwixt Wine, Love and Pœtry. He was so profess'd an Enemy to the common Business, and Cares of Life, that when *Polycrates* of *Samos*, with whom he was highly in favour, had made him a Present of five Talents, he could not sleep in two Nights after: Upon which he carry'd back the Treasure, and told his Patron, *That however considerable the Sum might be, it was not an equal Price for the Trouble of keeping it.* He writ with the same unconcern'd Freedom and Gaiety, that he liv'd; so that the best Image of his Manners is to be drawn from his Poems; where we meet with all the flowing Easiness, and Simplicity both of Thought and Expression, supported with the most lively, and delicate Turns of Wit and Pleasantry. We may fancy his Muse, like some of his Mistresses, airy, loose and negligent, not without the graceful

Touches of Art, but without the Appearance of it. He liv'd eighty five Years: And to make his End of a peice with his Life, he is said to have been choak'd with a Grape-stone in his Wine.

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*From the Battel of Marathon, to the
Retreat of Xerxes out of Greece.*

Containing the Space of 10 Years.

*Miltiades
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I. **W**Hilst *Miltiades* was in full Credit, and Esteem for his late Victory, the State decreed him seventy Gallies well mann'd to chastise the Islands, which had sided with the *Persian*. Several of 'em submitted; others he reduc'd with Ease; but coming to *Paros* to demand an hundred Talents, the Inhabitants chose rather to prepare for a vigorous Defence, than to hearken to any such Proposals: Whereupon he landed his Men, harass'd the Country, and block'd up the City. But when the Siege was well advanc'd, it happen'd, as *Nepos* tells the Story, that a Grove upon the Continent by some Accident took fire; which being seen from the Island in the Night, and both Sides taking it for a Signal, that the *Persian* Fleet was coming to the Relief of the *Parians*, *Miltiades* set fire to his Works, and return'd home. This was interpreted by his Enemies, particularly *Xanthippus* the Father of *Pericles*, as a voluntar

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ry Miscarriage; and he was accus'd of being in League with the *Persian*. He was not in a Condition to answer this Charge, being confin'd to his Bed by a Fall he receiv'd at *Paros*, which *Herodotus* makes the Cause of his Retreat. But his Friends, who appear'd for him, urg'd his many Services to the State, and bid 'em particularly *Remember Marathon*; yet could they prevail no further, than to get the Sentence of Death chang'd into a Fine of fifty Talents, (which was the Charge the State had been at in fitting out of the Gallies) and Imprisonment, 'till it were paid. But whatever Pretence the *Athenians* made use of in his Condemnation, 'tis certain their Fear sway'd more with them, than his Guilt. They thought him too well practis'd in Government, to lead a private Life, especially after his Merit had gain'd him such a Power and Interest, as might be improv'd into the Destruction of that Liberty, he pretended to support. But this was not easily to be presum'd of one, who had always carry'd himself with Humility, Justice, and Moderation: Nor could any thing less than an actual Attempt upon their Liberty, justify the Persecution of a Man, to whom they ow'd their Lives and Fortunes, and in a great Measure all their future Glory. For he first encourag'd 'em to look the *Persian* in the Face; and convinc'd them by his Example, that Numbers are not proof against Courage and Discipline. He lay some time under this Sentence, 'till the Bruise of his Thigh growing worse, turn'd to a Gangrene, and kill'd him. After which the *Athenians* carry'd their Resentment so far, that they would not suffer him to be bury'd, 'till

His Character,

and Death.

his Son *Cimon* took the Debt upon himself. Thus fell *Miltiades* a Sacrifice to the groundless Jealousie of the People; a notorious Instance of the Capriciousness of Fortune, and his Country's Ingratitude.

*The Death
of Darius.*

The Success at *Marathon* gave some Years Respite to *Greece*; but so animated *Darius* to redeem his Honour by a second Attempt, that he order'd new Levies to be made, and spent three Years in his Preparations. After which *Egypt* happening to Revolt, and there being the next Year a Contest among his Sons at home about the nominating his Successor, his Thoughts were diverted from proceeding against *Greece* with that Vigour he intended. When at last he came to a Resolution, and was provided for both Expeditions against *Greece* and *Egypt*, he dy'd, leaving the Prosecution of his Designs to his Son *Xerxes*.

A. M. II. *Mardonius* upon his first Accession to 3519. the Throne, press'd him earnestly to the *European* War, backing his Arguments with the certainty of Success. However this might fix his Ambition, he thought it of more immediate Consequence to reduce *Egypt*; which with the Forces his Father left him, he easily compass'd: And having committed it to the Government of his Brother *Achamenes*, turn'd his Thoughts upon *Greece*. In a Council held for the Management of this War, he open'd his Intentions with a Speech full of Arrogance and Contempt. But his Uncle *Artabanus* presuming upon his Age and Experience, was so far from soothing his Vanity, that he us'd his utmost Endeavours to dissuade him from so hazardous

zardous an Enterprife. From general Reflections on the Instability of Fortune, and the Uncertainty of all human Events, he descended the Particulars of his Father's Reign, alledging that *To whatever Cause his ill Success in Scythia might be imputed; yet the Business of Marathon had given them too fresh, and fatal an Instance of the Grecian Bravery, to look upon them as a despicable People: That he ought therefore to be well advis'd in an Affair of such Moment, that so he might at least justify his Conduct, tho' he could not warrant the Success.* Xerxes told him, *His Advice was nothing but the Result of Sloth and Cowardise; and that his Punishment should be to stay at home, and not share in the Glory of that Expedition.* But upon cooler Thoughts, he seem'd better reconcil'd to his Uncle's Opinion; and his Ambition being temper'd with more Pride than Courage, kept him wavering, 'till at last being terrify'd with Dreams, and Apparitions, or rather egg'd on by the Sons of *Hippias*, and others, who had their several Interests to promote by this War, he resum'd his first Resolution.

Accordingly he sent to all the Sea-Coasts to provide him Shipping; and in the mean time drain'd his whole Dominions, with all other Countries, that had the least Dependance on him, to raise an Army suitable to the Vastness of his Design; which in four Years he at last compleated. The Horse were commanded by the Sons of *Datis*; and a select Body of ten thousand Foot by *Hydarnes*. This was call'd the *Immortal Regiment*, because it was kept constantly supply'd out of the rest. But the gross of the Army was committed to *Mardonius*,

Xerxes
his Preparations.

who having the Princes of the Blood join'd with him as Assistants, commanded in chief. *His March.* The first general Rendezvous of the Land-forces was at *Critala*; from whence passing the River *Halys*, they march'd to *Celane* a City of *Phrygia*, and winter'd at *Sardis*. *Xerxes* during his Stay here sent into *Greece*, to demand *Earth* and *Water*; and the Fleet being come up to the *Chersonesus*, he order'd a Passage of a Mile and an half long to be cut for it behind Mount *Athos*, to avoid the Danger of Shipwrack, which *Mardonius* before had suffer'd by sailing about. In the beginning of the Spring he quitted *Sardis*; and from an Eminence rais'd for that purpose in the Plains of *Abydus*, took a View of his whole Force by Sea and Land: Where he could not forbear testifying his Pride and Joy to see himself Lord of so many united Nations; but soon after fell into the other Extremes of Passion, and could not without Tears reflect, *That not one of so many Thousands would be alive an hundred Years after.* This engag'd him in a melancholy Discourse with *Artabanus* about the Shortness and Miseries of Life; who from thence took Occasion to insinuate his Doubts, as he did before, about the Success of this Enterprize. He urg'd the many Inconveniencies he had to suffer, if not from the Enemy, at least from the Elements themselves; that his having no Port there sufficient to shelter such a Fleet upon any Accident, might prove very destructive to his Shipping; and that Plague, Famine, and Confusion were the necessary Attendants of such ungovernable Multitudes by Land. *Xerxes* told him in Answer, *That great Actions were necessarily attended with some proportionable Danger;*

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Danger; and that it was impossible to provide for Accidents. So that whatever Opinion he had of his Uncle's Wisdom in other Matters, he thought it too deliberate for the Camp, and sent him back as his Vice-Roy to *Susa*.

In order to his Passage into *Europe*, he had laid a Bridge cross the *Helespont*, where it was near a Mile over; which being broke down by tempestuous Weather, he cut off the Heads of the Workmen, order'd the Sea it self to be whipp'd, as tho' it had rebell'd against its Sovereign, and cast a pair of Fetters into it, in token of its future Subjection. After which <sup>His Passage into Eu-
rope.</sup> he made two Bridges of Gallies ty'd together, and so well anchor'd, that they resisted the Winds; by which means the whole Army pass'd over in seven Days and Nights. This seems to have been the first Instance of that which afterwards became the common Method of *Cesar* and others, to transport their Armies. *Xerxes* being got into *Europe*, order'd the Fleet to sail on Westward, and march'd himself with the Land Forces through the *Chersonesus*, gathering still more as he went; and encamp'd in a vast Plain near *Doriscus*, and well water'd with the Rive *Hebrus*, where he muster'd, and number'd the whole Army. But as Historians differ in nothing more than the Accounts of Armies, so here we may with more Ease collect from several Circumstances of their Preparations, and March, that they were the greatest Army that ever appear'd in the Field, than assign any just Number. According to the <sup>An Ac-
count of
his Forces.</sup> most modest Computation, they amounted to at least seven hundred thousand Men. *Herodotus* reckons up seventeen hundred thousand

Foot,

Foot, and eighty thousand Horse; and makes an Accession of about three hundred thousand in their March. To these he adds above five hundred thousand belonging to the Fleet, which consisted of somewhat above twelve hundred long Gallies, besides three thousand Transports, and Ships of Burden. So that the whole of the *Asian* and *European* Forces by Sea and Land, he reckons at above two Millions and a half; and allows at least an equal Number of Women, Eunuchs, Slaves and other Attendants. This will easily account for *Plutarch*, and *Isocrates*, when they say five Millions follow'd *Xerxes* into *Greece*; and thus it might be affirm'd without an *Hyperbole*, that they drank up several little Rivers in their March.

The Grecian Preparations.

III. *Greece* in the mean while was sufficiently alarm'd at these Approaches, but not so as to abandon all hopes of diverting the Storm. *Demaratus* the late *Spartan* King, who seems to have acted on both Sides, had from time to time given his Countrymen notice of *Xerxes's* Designs and Motions: And upon his Passage into *Europe*, they summon'd a general Council in the *Isthmus*; where they solemnly resolv'd to wave all private Quarrels, and join in the Defence of their common Liberty, at the same time publishing their Intentions, of putting to Death every tenth Man of those, who went over to the Enemy. But this did not hinder the greatest part of *Bæotia*, and *Thessaly*, with other petty States, which lay most expos'd, from declaring for the *Persian*; especially after the ten thousand Men, who were sent into *Thessaly* under the Conduct of *Euaneus* the *Spartan*, and

and *Themistocles* the *Athenian*, were return'd, as not thinking themselves able to protect them. The *Argives* also being sent to in this Extremity, evaded their Assistance, by insisting on Terms, which could not be accepted: So that partly out of Fear, and partly out of their inveterate Hatred to the *Lacedemonians*, they held secret Intelligence with the Enemy. Thus the Burden of the War lay chiefly upon the *Athenians*, and *Lacedemonians*; who, when they found the *Persian* advanc'd through *Thrace* and *Macedon*, resolv'd in another Council to oppose his Progress; and accordingly dispatch'd six thousand Men under the Command of *Leonidas* the famous *Spartan* King, to possess the Streights of *Thermopylae*, a narrow Pass between the Mountains, which divided *Thessaly* from the rest of *Greece*.

As to Sea Affairs, there was the same Disproportion as by Land: Whereupon they had Recourse to the Islanders, most of which were their Allies, and Colonies. *Sicily* was at that time able to furnish out as many Ships as all *Greece*: But her Tyrant *Gelon* insisted upon being declar'd Commander in chief. As for *Crete*, she had her Oracles first to consult: And the *Corcyraens*, tho' they express'd a Sense of their common Danger, and hover'd about with fixty Sail, it was only with a Design to fall in with the Conqueror. So that the chief Dependance at Sea was upon *Athens*; whose late War with *Ægina* had put those two States in a Condition of defending the rest. This Genius for Sea Affairs was very opportunely improv'd by *Themistocles*, who from a mean Extraction became so active and aspiring, as to complain

complain at his first Appearance in the World, *That the Trophies of Miltiades would not let him sleep.* He had Boldness enough to propose, and Courage enough to execute any thing, that might tend to his own, and his Country's Honour. For an Instance of which, he got the Mony, which was rais'd from the Mines, and ought to have been divided among the People, to be employ'd in Shipping: And so, by the *Wooden Walls*, which the Oracle advis'd the *Athenians* to trust to, he would have nothing understood, but their Ships. By these means, the *Athenian Fleet* was encreas'd to near two hundred Sail; and putting to Sea with the rest of the Confederates, making in all two hundred and eighty, stood over-against *Artemisum* towards the North part of *Eubœa*.

Xerxes in the mean while drew down his numerous Forces towards the Streights of *Thermopylae*, but rather for Terror, and Ostentation, than with thoughts of fighting. For finding *Leonidas* ready to receive him, and his Men unusually gay, and unconcern'd, he sent to let them know, that *If they would lay down their Arms, he would receive them as Friends, and Confederates, and bestow upon them much richer, and larger Countries, than what they now possess'd.* They rejected his Offers with a becoming Scorn, telling him, *They should have Occasion for their Arms, whether as his Friends, or Enemies; that they desir'd no Country, but what they won by their Virtue and Valour, and could maintain by the same Methods they got it.* Upon this the *Persian* address'd himself to *Demaratus*, asking him with an Air of Pity, and Contempt, *What it was his Countrymen propos'd?*

pos'd? Or, whether they could run faster than his Horses? He told him, He would find them resolv'd to fight it out to the last; and that not a Man of them would survive his Country's Liberty. Agreeable to this was the Answer of Dieneces a Spartan; who being told, That the Persian Darts would darken the very Sun: So much the better, says he, for then we shall fight in the Shade. From all which one might conclude, that Virtue was then going to give Laws to Effeminacy, Reason to Instinct, and the Soul to the Body.

Xerxes at last advanc'd with a Body of Medes, ordering those, who had lost any of their Relations at the Battel of *Marathon*, to beat the Enemy from this Post, and revenge their dead Friends. Accordingly they began the Onset, but were repuls'd with great Loss. Then mighty Numbers of raw undisciplin'd Fellows march'd against them, of whom a prodigious Slaughter was made: Nor did the *Immortal Regiment*, which was sent to relieve them, come off at a cheaper rate. The next day Xerxes made a Detachment of the choicest of his Troops, with a Promise of large Rewards, if they would break in upon them, and force the Pass. Upon which they made a violent Charge, but with no better Success than before: For the *Grecians* collected into a close Body stood the Shock, and fill'd the way with *Persian* Carcasses: So that being driven one upon another, the Confusion, and consequently the Slaughter was the greater. Thus did they keep their Ground for two Days; on the first of which, Xerxes was observ'd to leap three times from his Throne, whereon he was plac'd to see the Battel:

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at *Thermopylæ*.
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Battel: And being the next Day under the same Consternation, it happen'd that *Ephialtes* a *Trachinian*, deserted from the *Grecians*, to shew him a secret way over a Ledge of Mountains, by which he might fall upon their Rear. *Leonidas* being inform'd that twenty thousand of the Enemy had lodg'd themselves on the Top of the Hills, advis'd his Companions to retire, and reserve themselves for better Times, and the future Safety of Greece; that for his own part, he ow'd more to his Country, than to himself, and that it was his Business to fall in the present Defence of it. Thus having dismiss'd all but three hundred *Spartans*, with some *Thespians*, and *Thebans*, in all not a thousand Men, Come, Fellow-Soldiers, says he to them, Let us Dine chearfully, as if we were to Sup together in the other World. And indeed they could propose nothing more than to fulfil the Oracle, which had declar'd the City, or King of *Sparta* must fall; at the same time to let the *Persian* see, what Value they set upon their Liberty, and, as it were, to revenge their own Deaths, before they fell. Being thus animated, they study'd only how to sell their Lives as dear as they could; and thinking Death to be no where more honourably met with, than in the Enemies Camp, they took the Advantage of the Night, and made directly to the Royal Pavilion, where endeavouring to surprize the King, they broke through the whole Camp, and kill'd, or overthrew whatever oppos'd them. The darkness of the Night added very much to the Confusion of the Enemy, insomuch that they fell one upon another without Distinction of Friend, or Foe, and rather assisted the *Grecians*,
than

than defended themselves. Thus did they carry all before them, 'till Day-light discovering the Smalness of their Numbers, they were surrounded by the *Persians*, who gall'd them both in Flank and Rear; and even then not so much conquer'd, as tir'd with conquering, they fell among vast Heaps of the slaughter'd Enemy, leaving behind them the Example of an Intrepidity never known before. The Body of *Leonidas* was found, and nail'd to a Cross; but his Memory was sufficiently eterniz'd by the Poets, and Historians of those Times, who thought this might easily pass for a Victory on the *Grecians* Side, as well in respect of the Action it self; wherein the *Persians* lost twenty thousand Men, as of the Influence it afterwards had on the Affairs of *Greece*.

IV. *Xerxes*, tho' he had clear'd this Passage, was more inclin'd to try his Fortune at Sea, than to proceed immediately into the Country; especially when *Demaratus* told him, that *Sparta* alone was able to send out near eight thousand more such Men, as those whose Valour he had so lately experienc'd. The *Persian* Fleet was come up to *Sepias*, a Promontory of *Magnesia*, to act in Concert with the Land Forces; where by a Storm, which lasted three Days, they had lost four hundred Men of War, besides Transports, and Ships of Burden, with a proportionable Number of Men, and Provisions. To repair which Loss, they order'd two hundred more to take a Compass, and surprize the *Grecians* lying in the Streights of *Eubœa*; which was the same Stratagem the Army made use of at *Thermopylæ*,

The Sea-
fight at
Artemisi-
um.

pyla, and much about the same time, but with far different Success. For the *Grecians* by the Advice of *Themistocles* set sail by Night; and so by a Counter-surprise fell in with them, took, and sunk thirty, and forc'd the rest to Sea, where by stress of Weather they were all sunk, and stranded. Enrag'd at these Disappointments they bore down the next Day with their whole Fleet, and drawing up in the Form of an Half-Moon, made an offer of Battel, which the *Grecians* readily accepted; and by the singular Valour of the *Athenians*, who were just re-inforc'd with three and fifty Sail, maintain'd the Conflict with equal Loss on both Sides, 'till Night forc'd them into Harbour. But they were so shatter'd in the Engagement, that they were forc'd to quit this Station in order to refit; and especially hearing that *Leonidas* was cut off at *Thermopyla*, they thought it necessary to retire further into *Greece*.

Whereupon the *Persians* coming up with their Fleet to *Artemisium*, invaded *Eubœa*, and the Neighbouring Coasts. *Xerxes* at the same time march'd through *Doris*, and *Phocis*, harassing the Country, and laying all waste before him; and leaving a Detachment to rattle the Temple of *Apollo* at *Delphi*, he incamp'd with the rest in *Boœtia*. When the *Athenians* found him advancing towards *Attica*, they would have engag'd their Confederates to make head against him: But they declin'd it, as giving all for lost without the *Isthmus*, and placing their only Confidence in the Defence of *Peloponnesus*. The *Athenians* thus abandon'd, put on board their Wives, and Children, with their most valuable Goods, and transported them to *Træzene*,

zene, Aegina, and Salamis. After which *Xerxes* invaded *Attica* with Fire and Sword, and enter'd *Athens* three Months after his Passage into *Europe*. Those few Inhabitants who were left, retir'd into the Cittadel, where literally interpreting the Oracle of the *Wooden Walls*, they fortify'd it as well as they could, with Boards, and Palisadoes; and having stood the first Assault, were so confident of Success, that rather than yield to any Terms, they suffer'd themselves to be put to the Sword, the Castle taken, and the Temple of *Minerva* in it to be burnt.

Xerxes enters Athens.

In this Exigency a Council was summon'd, wherein after every one had propos'd what his Fear, and Interest suggested, it was resolv'd to defend the *Isthmus* by Sea and Land. The Design of which was chiefly to secure *Laconia*, and therefore easily assented to by *Eurybiades* the *Spartan*, who notwithstanding the signal Services of the *Athenians*, was appointed Admiral of the *Grecian* Navy. For as *Athens* was forc'd to yield to *Sparta* upon other Accounts, so neither did she think this a time to dispute the Command at Sea. But when *Themistocles* found the *Grecian* Fleet withdrawing from *Salamis*, he oppos'd it with so much Heat, that *Eurybiades* made an Offer of striking him. Strike if you will, says he, but hear what I say. He then told 'em, Their chief Dependance must be upon their Shipping; that they were now in Possession of the narrow Seas, which would sufficiently perplex the Enemy; and that the improving that Advantage, was of the last Consequence to their Affairs. Against this it was objected, That the *Athenians* were not upon an equal Foot with

the Peloponnesians, whose Cities and Possessions were yet untouch'd : But Themistocles told 'em, They had still a City left, and that the best in all Greece, consisting of two hundred Ships, which would serve either to re-instate them at home, or transport 'em to some flourishing Colony abroad, leaving those, who abandon'd 'em first, to the Fury of the Enemy. The fear of losing their chief Support, brought them over to his Opinion ; and the Result of all was, that they should prepare to receive the Persian in the Isthmus by Land, and in the Streights of Salamis by Sea.

Xerxes in the mean while march'd down towards the Sea to act in Conjunction with his Fleet, which was come to Phalerus the Athenian Port: And whilst he was concerting Measures with his Officers, the Grecians Hearts again fail'd them ; and thinking it downright Madness to throw up one Country, in hopes of recovering another, that was intirely lost, they weigh'd Anchor, in order to make directly to the Isthmus. Themistocles finding no Arguments would prevail, had recourse to Stratagem ; and dispatch'd Sicinus a Persian Captive, and therefore the less suspected, to Xerxes, to tell him from the Athenian Admiral, who secretly espous'd his Interest, That the Grecians were preparing for Flight ; and that if he set upon them in this Confusion, before they were dispers'd, or join'd by their Land-Army, he might at once destroy their whole Fleet. This Bait was easily swallow'd ; and two hundred Ships were immediately sent out to block up the Streights, and Passages, 'till the rest of the Fleet could come up. It happen'd at this Juncture, that

Aristides

Aristides the Son of *Lyfimachus* an *Athenian*, with great difficulty arriv'd at *Salamis* from *Egina*, and gave them a full Account of the *Persians* Designs, That they were at that time actually hemming them in on all Sides, and that there was no way left, but to fight it out. This *Aristides* had behav'd very well in the Battel of *Marathon*; which with the other good Qualities he was possess'd of, cast too great a Shade upon the rising Glory of *Themistocles*. From hence sprung an Emulation betwixt them, which was daily encreas'd by the Difference of their Tempers. For *Aristides* was grave, constant, sedate, mild, open, sincere, and generous, and was particularly distinguish'd by the Name of *Just*; whereas the other was bold, impetuous, cunning, unsettled, enterprising, and popular. So that being naturally cut out for transplanting his Rival, he form'd a Party, which banish'd him by the *Ostracism*. And so great was the Power of Faction, and the Fear of Tyranny at his Condemnation, that as they were giving in their Suffrages, an illiterate Fellow comes to *Aristides* with his Shell, and desires him to write *Aristides* upon it. He ask'd him, If *Aristides* had ever done him any Injury? Not in the least, says he; neither do I know the Man; but I am concern'd to hear, that he goes every where by the Name of *Just*. *Aristides* made him no Answer, but return'd his Shell with the Inscription of his own Name. And at his Departure from the City, he only pray'd, That the Time might never come, when *Athens* should have Cause to remember him. After three Years Exile he was recall'd, for fear of his joining with the *Persian* upon

the Invasion of *Attica*. But he was so far from it, that before the Decree was pass'd for his Return, he us'd all possible Means to encourage his Countrymen in the Defence of their Liberty; and afterwards gave an undoubted Proof of his Zeal, by contributing towards the Advancement of his greatest Enemy, *Themistocles*, at least so far as it conduc'd to the common Security. This generous Conduct of his gain'd too much upon *Themistocles*, to let any thing of Passion, or Reserve interfere with the Publick: So that he let him into all his Designs and Projects, particularly this last of suffering himself to be surrounded. After which they us'd their Joint-Authority with the other Commanders to engage them to stay: Yet did they not perfectly assent, 'till a Gally of *Tenedos*, which had deserted from the *Persians*, came, and confirm'd all that *Aristides* had told them. When finding no way to escape, but what they must make through the Enemy, they prepar'd for the Fight.

They had increas'd their Fleet to three hundred and eighty Sail, besides Tenders, and other Vessels, tho' it yet bore no Proportion to that of the *Persians*; who having repair'd the Damages, they sustain'd by Shipwrack, and other ways, were in as good a Condition, as at the first. *Xerxes* from an Eminence on Shore, where he was plac'd with his Secretaries about him, to write down the Particulars of the Action, gave the Signal to *Ariamenes* the *Persian* Admiral: And *Themistocles* having animated the *Grecians* for the Defence of all that was dear to them, loosed from *Salamis* with great Resolution to meet him. The *Phanicians*, in whom the

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at Salamis.

the Enemy confided moſt, were oppos'd to the *Athenians*: And their whole Fleet being drawn up diſtinctly according to their ſeveral Nations, kept their Stations very well in the open Seas; but when they began to enter the Streights, they gave the *Grecians* an Opportunity of exerting their Skill, and Diſcipline, without being able to uſe the only Advantage they had in their Numbers. The Admiral, who led the Van, fell in with great Fury, but was ſunk at the firſt Charge; which created ſuch a Terror, and Confuſion, that they immediately tack'd about, and made to Sea; but were fiercely purſu'd by the *Grecians*, who took ſome, and diſabled others, by brushing off their Oars, and ſtriking them through with the Beaks of their Veſſels. To add to which, the *Ionians*, with whom *Themiſtocles* had been tampering before the Engagement, took this Occaſion to draw off from the Line of Battel. In the other Wing the Conteſt was vigorous on both Sides, and for ſometime doubtful, 'till the *Phenicians*, and *Cyprians* being driven on Shore, the *Athenians* made head upon the reſt, who being not able to bear the Shock, retir'd in ſo great Diſorder, that they fell foul one of another. Thoſe who kept the Sea, were purſu'd, and worſted by the *Athenians*, whiſt the *Aeginetans*, who had poſſeſs'd the Streights of *Attica*, intercepted others, as they were making to the Port. By this means the *Grecians* obtain'd a great and glorious Victory, having ſunk above two hundred of the *Persian* Gallies, beſides what they took, and diſpers'd their whole Fleet, with the Loſs of only forty of their own Ships.

Xerxes astonish'd at this Overthrow, and not knowing what Measures to take, *Mardonius* accosted him in this Juncture, extenuated the Loss, and laid the whole blame upon the Cowardise of the *Auxiliaries*; But withal advis'd him to return speedily to his Kingdom, least the the Fame of his ill Success, which generally represents things worse than they are, should occasion any Commotions in his Absence. He engaged, *If he would leave him three hundred thousand choice Men, to subdue all Greece to his Glory; or if the Event prov'd otherwise, that he would take it to himself, without any Reflection upon his Master's Honour.* This Advice was very well receiv'd by *Xerxes*, who thinking he had done enough to vindicate his Honour in the taking of *Athens*, which was the chief Pretence of the War, prepar'd to march home at the Head of his Army, leaving Part of it with *Mardonius*, not so much out of hopes of reducing *Greece*, as for fear of being pursu'd. These were the Resolutions in a Council held just after the Fight: And the Night following the Fleet set Sail in great Confusion from *Phalerus* towards the *Hellepont*; but was pursu'd by the *Grecians*, who losing Sight of them, put in at *Andros* one of the *Cyclades*; where it was propos'd to break down the Bridge of Ships, and hinder the Passage of the Land Forces, in hopes of cutting them off, or forcing them to an advantageous Peace. But *Eurybiades*, or, according to *Plutarch*, *Aristides* justly fearing, least the Enemy, if a Retreat were deny'd him, might out of pure Necessity turn Valiant, and open a Way with Sword in Hand into their Country, since he could not have it upon easier

Terms.

Terms into his own, represented to them, *That they were like to have Enemies enough without giving themselves the Trouble of increasing them; and that rather than take away that Bridge, they ought, if possible, to lay another for them.* Themistocles gave in to this Advice, and sent to Xerxes by the same Messenger he made use of at *Salamis*, and under the same Colour of Friendship, to let him know the *Grecians* Design of intercepting his Passage, if he did not secure it by a speedy Retreat. He no sooner heard of it, but leaving his Captains to take care of the Army, he hasten'd with a small Retinue to the Sea, which he reach'd forty five Days after the Fight; and finding the Bridge shatter'd by the Winter Storms, he secur'd himself in a private Boat. So strange, and sudden was the Reverse of Fortune, that this haughty Monarch, whose Army was a Burden to the Earth, skulk'd about without the Attendance even of his Domesticks; and he who cover'd the Ocean with his Fleet, and pretended to shackle the Winds and Waves, was tofs'd about in a poor Fishing-boat, 'till at last he arriv'd in *Asia*! The Army, which was order'd to follow him, being harass'd, and fatigu'd with a continual March, Famine came to compleat their Misery. This brought a Pestilence along with it, as *Ariabanus* had foretold; which made such a Ravage among them, that they were attended by another Army of Beasts, and Birds of Prey, which seiz'd them as they dropt; and those who surviv'd this Mortality, came to their King at *Sardis*.

Xerxes's
Flight.

C H A P. III.

*From the Retreat of Xerxes, to the
Victories of Cimon at the River
Eurymedon.*

Containing the Space of 10 Years.

I. **T**HIS being the Fate of these numerous Forces, Greece had some little Respite to provide for her further Security, which had hitherto been almost wholly owing to *Themistocles*. And this was testify'd in the most solemn manner at the Altar, where it being demanded of the Officers, *Who had deserv'd best of his Country?* Every one gave the first Vote for himself, and the second for *Themistocles*. It was further confirm'd by the *Lacedemonians* carrying him with them to *Sparta*; where giving the Rewards of Valour to *Enrybiades*, and of Wisdom, and Conduct to *Themistocles*, they crown'd him with Olive, gave him the Precedency, presented him with a rich Chariot, and conducted him with three hundred Horse to the Confines of their Territories: Which extraordinary Marks of Esteem, and coming from so severe, and jealous a State, made all Greece look upon him as the *common Deliverer*. When afterwards he appear'd at the *Olympick Games*, the Spectators were wholly taken up in extolling, gazing, and pointing at him: Which touch'd him so sensibly, that he could not forbear

bear discovering his Transport to his Friends, telling 'em, *That he that Day reaped the Fruit of all his Labours.* Not that this general Applause was without an Allay of Envy; particularly a *Seriphian* insinuated to him, *That he deriv'd his Honour more from the Greatness, and Splendor of his Country, than from his personal Merit:* You are in the right on't, says *Themistocles*; for *I should never have been esteem'd, if I had been of Seriphus, nor you, tho' you had been of Athens.* *Themistocles* after the Flight of *Xerxes*, spent some time in levying Contributions of the Islands, which had sided with the Enemy. He told the *Andrians*, *He came attended with two powerful Divinities, Persuasion, and Necessity;* to which they answer'd, *They had two as powerful to oppose to them, Poverty and Impossibility:* Whereupon he block'd 'em up for some time, but finding them too well fortify'd, was forc'd to retire.

Mardonius in the mean while took up his Winter-Quarters in *Thessaly*, and the Confines of *Macedon*; where having pick'd up fifty thousand Men, besides the three hundred thousand left him by *Xerxes*, he began to prosecute the War. But he had conceiv'd such a dread of the *Athenians*, that he first endeavour'd to take them off with Promises not only of an honourable Peace, but of the Friendship of the King his Master; engaging further *to rebuild their Temples, to give 'em a vast Sum of Money, and constitute them Lords of all Greece.* The *Lacedemonians* alarm'd at these Offers, immediately dispatch'd their Ambassadors to *Athens*, to tell 'em, *They hop'd they had more Justice, and Gratitude, than to desert those, who were engag'd*

engaged with the Persian purely upon their Account; at least that they had more Respect to the Memory of their Ancestors, than to prove instrumental in the enslaving those, whom they had so gloriously rescu'd: And least they should urge the Necessity they were reduc'd to, as forcing them to a mean Compliance, That they should send their Wives, and Children to be maintain'd at Sparta. The Answer the Athenians return'd, was, That they forgave their Enemies attempting to buy them off, since they had no Notion of any thing more valuable than Wealth; but could not so easily pardon the Lacedæmonians mercenary Thoughts of them, who seem'd to lay very little Stress upon what they had done and suffer'd in Defence of the common Liberty, when they propos'd to 'em to fight for Bread. After which Aristides bringing back the Ambassadors into the Assembly, charg'd 'em to tell the Lacedæmonians in short, That all the Treasure in the World was not of that Value with the People of Athens, as the Liberty of Greece. Then the Athenians directed their Discourse to Alexander King of Macedon, who came from Mardonius; and pointing to the Sun, As long as that continues his Course, so long, said they, shall the Citizens of Athens wage War with the Persians for that Country, which hath been wasted, and those Temples, which have been prophan'd, and burnt by them. And when Alexander press'd them further, and would have interpos'd as a Mediator, they thank'd him for his good Intentions, but caution'd him as a Friend, not to attempt any thing more of that kind, for fear of being insulted by the People.

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Mardonius upon this peremptory Answer, invaded *Attica*, and enter'd the City ten Months after *Xerxes* had taken it, the Inhabitants having again convey'd themselves to *Salamis*, and other neighbouring Places, 'till they could be join'd by their Confederates. Thither he sent to them a second Offer of the same Conditions; which they were so far from accepting, that they ston'd *Lycidas* a Senator, the same whom *Demosthenes* calls *Cyrillus*, for only moving, that it might be taken into Consideration; and his Wife and Children met with the same Treatment from the Women. Then they sent pressing Instances to *Sparta* to hasten their Supplies: But the *Lacedaemonians* being intent upon their old Method of fortifying the *Isthmus*, put them off with dilatory Excuses, 'till at last the *Athenians* told 'em plainly, *The little Regard they express'd for the common Interest, would oblige them to follow their Example, and provide for themselves; and that their Defence of the Isthmus, would be very little Security to Peloponnesus in general, if they, who were Masters of the Seas about it, should join with the Enemy.* These Menaces had so good an Effect, that when they sent next to the *Ephori*, to know their final Resolution, they told the Messengers, that five thousand Men, attended with seven thousand of the *Helots* were actually on their March towards *Attica*; and gave 'em leave to levy five thousand more in the *Spartan Territories*, and follow them. These Forces were join'd at the *Isthmus* by the other *Peloponnesians*; which *Mardonius* having notice of, thought fit to retire into *Bœotia*, as being a more Champaign Country. But before his Departure,

Mardonius enters Athens.

ture, finding the *Athenians* would hearken to no Terms, he set Fire to their City, and burnt and demolish'd every thing, that had escap'd his Master's Fury. At *Eleusis* the *Athenians* from *Salamis* with the other *Grecians* came in: And the whole Army being an hundred thousand (to which Number *Herodotus* adds ten thousand) under the Conduct of *Pausanias* the *Spartan*, the Son of *Cleombrotus*, and Protector during the Minority of *Plistarchus* the Son of *Leonidas*, follow'd *Mardonius* into *Bæotia*; whose Forces lying extended along the Banks of the River *Asopus*, the *Grecians* encamp'd over-against 'em at the Foot of Mount *Citharon*. They were advantageously posted in strong and rocky Places, all but three thousand *Megaraeans*, who lying more expos'd in the Plains, *Mardonius* sent a great Detachment of Horse against them; which broke in, and gall'd them so on all Sides, that they were forc'd to send to *Pausanias* to relieve 'em. Which not being readily undertaken, *Aristides*, who commanded the *Atbenian* Troops, sent three hundred of his Men to their Assistance. They stood the Charge with great Bravery, and closing with the Enemy, kill'd *Masiftius* General of the *Persian* Horse: Upon which greater Numbers engag'd on both Sides, 'till the *Grecians* without any considerable Loss carry'd off the Body in Triumph.

The General of the Persian Horse kill'd.

After this *Pausanias* remov'd his Camp, and advanc'd to *Platea*; where the two Armies fac'd each other with only a slight Skirmish now and then with the *Persian* Horse for eleven Days together. The reason of which was, that it had been foretold to both Parties, *That they should*

should be Victorious, if they stood only upon the Defensive Part. But *Mardonius* finding his Provisions fail, resolv'd to attack 'em the next Morning: Which *Pausanias* being inform'd of, drew up his Army, placing the *Athenians* in the Right Wing opposite to the *Persians*, as being better acquainted with their way of fighting, and flush'd with their late Victories, and his *Spartans* in the left, where the *Grecians*, who sided with the Enemy, were to make the Assault. Which *Mardonius* perceiving, immediately march'd over his *Persians* to the Right; and when *Pausanias* wheeling about again, rang'd himself as at the first, the other still to prevent him, did the like: So that by changing the Order of the Battel, the Day pass'd without Action. The *Grecians* supposing things would not presently be brought to an Issue, thought it necessary to remove their Camp for the Convenience of Water; but breaking up in the Night, were pretty much dispers'd. In the Morning *Mardonius* imputing their Disorder to Flight and Cowardise, pursu'd them with his whole Army, and with great Violence charg'd their Rear, consisting chiefly of the *Lacedaemonians*, who had been detain'd too long through the Obstinacy of one of their own Regiments, which insisted upon it, as not agreeable to the *Spartan* Discipline, to desert their Post. However they collecting themselves into the Order of a *Phalanx*, receiv'd the Enemy with their wonted Bravery, and by the Assistance of the *Tegeata* maintain'd their Ground with great Slaughter of the Enemy; amongst whom *Mardonius* himself was kill'd by *Aimnestus* a *Spartan*. The other *Grecian* Troops, as soon as they took the

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Mardonius kill'd.

the Alarm, came up in scatter'd Companies to their Relief, and made an intire Rout of it; insomuch that *Artabazus*, who commanded a Body of forty thousand *Persians*, fled with them towards the *Hellepont*, and the rest fortify'd themselves in their Camp with Wooden Rampires.

The *Athenians*, who were making all the haste they could to have a Share in this Action, were intercepted by five thousand of the *Thebans*, and *Theſſalians*, who sided with the *Persians*. However after an hot Dispute they defeated them, and made their Way to the *Lacedæmonians*, who were now assaulting the *Persian* Camp. But being not so well skill'd in that part of the War, the *Athenians* undertook to storm it; and having made a considerable Breach, the whole Army enter'd, and bearing down all before 'em, made such an incredible Havock, that above a hundred thousand *Persians* were put to the Sword. For *Pausanias* in regard of their Numbers, not thinking it safe to take any Prisoners, would give no Quarter. It is said, that of the three hundred thousand *Persians* who came into the Field, there escap'd scarce three thousand besides the forty thousand who fled: And this Victory was obtain'd with so little Loss on the *Grecians* Side, that we may very well take up with the highest Account of it, since it mentions but ten thousand Men, and serves rather to fix the Probability of the Action in general, than to derogate from the Honour of it. The Battel being over, the *Grecians* bury'd their dead; to which time *Diodorus* refers the Original of Funeral Games, and Orations. But of the first
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of these Institutions we have several Instances in the Heroes before, and at the time of the *Trojan War*, it being this, to which they ow'd a great part of their Divinity: And the latter is by some ascrib'd to *Solon* as a part of his Constitution; which from thence obtain'd all over *Greece*; it being thought not only an Encouragement to the Living, but also a great Accession to the Happiness of the Dead, to have their Exploits enumerated by a publick Orator: And therefore to perpetuate the Memory of such, as had done very eminent Service for their Country, the *Panegyrick* was constantly repeated upon an Anniversary Day. In the Camp they found a prodigious Quantity of Treasure; the Division of which, *Justin* says, first infected *Greece* with the Luxury of Riches. From hence they march'd to *Thebes*; where after some little Opposition, the Heads of the Revolt to the *Persian*, were deliver'd up to them, and put to Death.

II. To crown this Success in *Bæotia*, we *Affairs at*
must take a View of the Affairs at Sea. *Sea.* The
greatest part of the *Persian* Fleet after the De-
feat at *Salamis*, winter'd at *Cuma*; and in the
Spring mov'd to *Samos*, both to guard, and to
awe the Coasts of *Asia*. The *Grecians* in the
mean while were refitting their Ships at *Agi-
na*; whither the *Chians* sent to them to free
them from the *Persian* Tyranny, and got
them as far as *Delos*. While they staid here
to learn what Posture the Enemy was in, they
were again sollicitated by the *Samians*, to take
this Opportunity of putting out to Sea, whilst
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the *Ionians* in general were well affected to them, and would certainly come in, when they saw a Power likely to protect them. They immediately set Sail under the Conduct of *Leutychides* the *Spartan* Admiral, and *Xanthippus* the *Athenian*: At whose Approach the *Persians* made to Land; and at *Mycale* a Promontory of *Ionian* hal'd their Gallies on Shore, shutting 'em up with a Wall, and a deep Trench; and on the other side they were cover'd by sixty thousand Foot, who were left under the Command of *Tigranes* to secure the Continent. *Leutychides* made to Shore after them, and by a publick Crier animated the *Ionians* to revolt: After which he landed his Forces, and prepared the next Day to fight them. The *Persians* finding the *Ionians* wavering, disarm'd the *Samians*, sent the *Milesians* to defend the Passages about *Mycale*, and so dispers'd the rest, that they should be in a manner oblig'd to fight in Conjunction with the other Troops. The *Grecians* drew up their Army in two Bodies; the one consisting chiefly of *Athenians*, and *Corinthians*, kept the Plain, whilst the other of *Lacedaemonians*, march'd over Hills and Precipices, to gain the highest Ground. The Battle being join'd, great Courage and Resolution shew'd on both Sides; and the Fortune of the Day continu'd a great while doubtful, 'till the *Samians*, and *Milesians*, took their Opportunity of deserting from the *Persians*, and were follow'd by most of the *Asiatick Grecians*. The *Persians* still endeavour'd to keep the Field, but were soon routed, and pursu'd with great Slaughter to their very Tents. The *Athenian* Body had made themselves Masters of the Field,

The Fight
at Mycale.

Field, before the *Lacedæmonians* could come up to their Assistance: So that all the Share these latter had in the Action, was to kill, and disperse some of the *Persian* Troops, which were making a pretty regular Retreat. There fell forty thousand of the *Persians* with *Tigranes* their General: And as they fought with a Desire to retrieve the Honour of their Arms, the *Grecians* lost a greater Proportion in this, than in any other of the Engagements. This Battel was fought on the Evening of the same Day with that at *Platea*; the News of which Victory arriving in the Camp at *Mycale* before the Engagement, contributed in a great measure towards the Success of it: So that it is not material to inquire, whether *Leucyrides* had actually Intelligence from *Platea*, or, (which is most probable from the vast Distance) that he invented it as a Stratagem, to make his Soldiers charge with the greater Vigour, and Alacrity; since the bare Rumour had this good Effect, and since the thing it self happen'd accordingly.

Tigranes
the Persian
General
kill'd.

To compleat this Victory, the *Grecians* burnt the *Persian* Ships in the Haven, and return'd with great Spoil to *Samos*; where they receiv'd the *Ionians*, and *Æolians* as their Confederates. And as they had once more freed them from the *Persian* Yoke, they fell into a Debate about transplanting them into *Europe*, since otherwise they would be continually alarm'd, and they could not be ready upon all Occasions to relieve them. But the *Athenians*, who pretended the greatest Right to dispose of them, as being their Founders, oppos'd it; and promising to protect them in the Defence

of their Liberty, they were continu'd in *Asia*. After which the *Lacedaemonians* return'd home, leaving the *Athenians* to recover the *Chersonesus* of *Thrace*. Accordingly they lay before *Sestus*, whither some of the *Persians* had retir'd, 'till having starv'd them, they took the Town, and hang'd the Governor. It being late in the Year, they winter'd here; and in the Spring return'd with their Navy to *Athens*.

Thus were the *Grecians* at last freed from the Invasion of an Army no less ridiculous in Success, than terrible in Appearance, having, like Locusts, overwhelm'd their Country for two Years together. It was a Deliverance rather to be wish'd than hop'd for; since it could not have been effected, but by so many signal Overthrows both by Sea and Land, in any one of which a Miscarriage must have prov'd fatal to all *Greece*. To account for this prodigious Success, we are to consider how the Dissolution of the Regal Power had at this time fir'd the *Grecians* with the Thoughts of Liberty; so that it produc'd even in the private Soldiers such uncommon Notions of Honour, and Resolution, that they were harden'd beyond a Sense of their Danger. And this personal Bravery was so well directed by the Conduct, and Vigilance of their Officers, that they generally fought to Advantage, by drawing the *Persians* into Streights, and Passes, so that they could not enlarge their Front, nor consequently make use of their Numbers. To add to which, there was a profess'd Emulation among the several States of *Greece*; which, tho' it created some little Difficulties in adjusting the business of Precedency and Command, had certainly a

good Effect as to the Publick, when it came to Action, and had no Object to vent it self upon, but the common Enemy. Yet would not all these concurring Circumstances have prevail'd in so eminent a Degree, if they had not had to do with an Enemy, who was just their Reverse, a slavish confus'd Multitude, and wrap'd up in a slothful Security. The *Persians* had before this Expedition lost all the Captains of their Founder *Cyrus*; and with them that Spirit and Discipline, which had given them the Promise of a glorious, as well as an extensive Empire. So that they had nothing to trust to but their Numbers; and even this was so far from proving an Advantage, that they were a dead Weight, and a Burden to themselves, and serv'd rather to encrease the Fury of the Enemy, than to defeat it.

As for *Xerxes*, he lay at *Sardis* expecting the Event of these Battels, 'till finding it impossible to retrieve such a long Train of Miscarriages, he retir'd farther into his Country. Where we will leave him abandon'd to a Course of Riot and Luxury, without expatiating upon those black Scenes of Incest, Sacrilege, and Murder, which made the latter Part of his Reign as notoriously scandalous at home, as the first Part of it had been trifling abroad; and which at last occasion'd his being murder'd by his own Subjects. It is sufficient here to observe, that whatever successful Attempts were made by the *Persians* in other Parts, neither *Xerxes*, nor his Successors did ever after this Defeat at *Mycale*, act offensively against *Greece*. And tho' the *Persian* Kingdom continu'd for several Ages, and with the Character of the great-

est Empire of the known World, her Greatness consisted rather in Riches, and Extent of Territory, than any memorable Atchievements; And the Continuance of it was owing to nothing more, than those intestine Broils among the *Grecians*, which we shall find, by the Prosecution of their Story, diverted them from pushing their Conquests in *Asia*.

The Conduct of Themistocles in rebuilding the Walls of Athens.

III. The *Athenians* with their Families being return'd, employ'd their Share of the Booty in rebuilding their City. But as their Walls took in a much larger Compass than before, this gave some Umbrage to the *Lacedaemonians*, who truly enough concluded, *That if this City, when it lay in Ruins, could do such Wonders, what would it not aspire to, when it was so fortify'd?* Wherefore they dispatch'd Ambassadors to dissuade them from carrying on these Works, because they would only serve as Garrisons for the Enemy, and be the Seat of a future War. This put a Stop to their Proceedings for the present, 'till *Themistocles* encourag'd them to go on, whilst he undertook to answer it at *Sparta*. Where having gain'd what time he could, before he had Audience, the *Lacedaemonians* began to suspect his Design, and renew'd their Remonstrances. He advis'd them not to take up with every idle Report, but to send again, and see how little the Works were advanc'd. Thus having amus'd them, 'till the Walls were finish'd, he address'd himself to the *Ephori*, telling 'em plainly, *That Athens was now in a Condition to keep out any Enemy, whether Foreign, or Domestick; that in what the Athenians had done, both the*

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Law of Nations, and the publick Interest of Greece would sufficiently bear them out; in short that they were best able to judge of their own Affairs, without the Direction, or Controul of any other State; adding farther, That it was done by his Advice; and that whatever Injury they offer'd to him, they must expect it would be return'd upon their own Ambassadors, who were detain'd at Athens. These Declarations carry'd too much Weight, and Truth with 'em, to be easily refuted: So that the Lacedaemonians finding they could not help themselves, stifled their Resentment, and dismiss'd Themistocles. He was receiv'd at Athens with as much Joy, as if he had actually triumph'd over Sparta: And indeed this was the first considerable Step towards throwing off that Superiority, which she had hitherto exacted. After this he set himself to enlarging, and strengthening the Port Piræus, omitting nothing either by Sea, or Land, that might serve not only to secure the Athenians from abroad, but also to fix their Dominion at home. As an Expedient for this latter, he propos'd burning the Lacedaemonian Fleet, as it lay in Harbour; but this was such a manifest piece of Injustice, that he could not make Aristides consent to it.

The Persians having still some footing in Europe, and the Lesser Asia, thirty Athenian Gallies were mann'd out under the Conduct of Aristides, and twenty Lacedaemonian under Pausanias. They set Sail to Cyprus; where they freed several Towns, which the Persians had garrisoned; from whence they re-imbark'd, and took Byzantium. Pausanias, who was naturally haughty, and imperious, and sufficiently elevated

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with the Business of *Platea*, presum'd yet further upon the Success of this Expedition, and carry'd it with so much Insolence, and Severity to the Confederates, that they were glad of any Occasion to get rid of him. So that being complain'd of at *Sparta*, he was recall'd, and try'd, being particularly charg'd with aspiring to the Sovereignty of *Greece*, and that in order to it, he held Intelligence with the Enemy: But the Evidence not being full enough against him, he was acquitted, with the Loss only of his Command. However this was a Means of transferring the Command at Sea to the *Athenians*. For the *Ionians*, who were always best affected to them, immediately put themselves under *Aristides's* Protection; and all the other Cities without the *Isthmus* were so taken with the Candor and Sweetness of his Temper, that they soon follow'd their Example: So that when another was sent from *Sparta* in *Pausanias's* room, the Confederates would not admit him. The *Lacedaemonians* could not but fancy themselves over-reach'd, and trick'd out of their Command at Sea; and tho' they made no publick Noise about it, yet it came to be debated among themselves, whether they should declare War against *Athens*. This reviv'd an old Prophecy of the Oracle, which had bid them *Beware of having but half an Empire*, and which they could not interpret otherwise, than in Relation to their present Circumstances. So that the general Opinion was for War; but *Hetamarchus* a Senator dissuaded it, urging among other Reasons, *That it did not so properly belong to the Spartans, to trouble themselves about Sea-Affairs.*

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The truth is, they were not in a Condition at present to contest it; and therefore they wav'd the Thoughts of this War, to join in the Prosecution of that in *Asia*.

The Charge of the War being thus devolv'd upon the *Athenians*, they had a Liberty given them to rate all the Cities in such a Proportion of Ships, and Mony, as they thought necessary for the Support of it. Whatever Contributions had hitherto been paid in the Confederate Wars, this was the first regular Tax we find mention'd in *Greece*. It being appointed by *Aristides*, amounted to * four hundred and sixty Talents, and was deposited at *Delos* as the publick Treasury. It was collected at first with so much Ease, and Chearfulness, and managed with such Integrity, that upon this Account it was call'd, *The happy Time of Greece*, and compar'd to the Age of *Saturn*. This mighty Privilege, with which the *Athenians* were invested chiefly upon the Opinion of *Aristides's* Justice, was a Confirmation of that Power, they had so lately wrested from the *Lacedaemonians*. But as it was the Beginning of their Greatness in this Age, so it was of their Ruin in the next, when the Tribute came to be rais'd first to six hundred Talents, and soon after to one thousand three hundred, and the Mony misapply'd.

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The General Commander in this War, was *Cimon* the Son of *Miltiades*. I mention'd *The Rise of Cimon*. the Piety of this young Man in taking his Father's Fine upon him: And as he was insolvent, it happen'd, that *Callias* a rich Citizen offer'd to marry his half-Sister *Elpinice*, and discharge it. Whether he did not think it a Match suitable to her Quality, or that he was marry'd to her

His Expedition to
Thrace,
and the
Islands.

himself, (which was allowable by *Solon's* Laws) he did not comply with the Proposal; but she declaring, *She would not suffer any of Miltiades's Children to die in Prison*, accepted it. Being thus set at Liberty, he did good Service in the Army; and was soon taken Notice of, as one who acted with the Courage of his Father, and the Judgment of *Themistocles*, and with more Openness, and Sincerity than either. *Aristides*, who easily discover'd this honest Genius in him, took care to cultivate it, and set him up as a Counter-poise to the Craft, and Ambition of *Themistocles*: By which means he was advanc'd to the highest Employments both at home and abroad. And being now strengthen'd by an Accession of the Allies, he went into *Thrace*, where he took *Eion*, a Town situate upon the River *Strymon*, and chastis'd the bordering *Thracians*, who had supply'd it with Provisions. But the Behaviour of *Butes* the *Persian* Governor of this Town, is beyond any thing that is recorded of his Countrymen during this War. For finding it impossible to hold out any longer, he threw all his Treasure into the River, and then erected a Funeral Pile, whereon he burnt himself, and his whole Family. From thence *Cimon* made to the Island *Scyrus*, inhabited by some of the *Pelasgi*, and *Dolopes* a Nest of Pirates; and by expelling them, open'd the Trade of the *Aegean* Sea: And all these Places were planted with *Athenian* Colonies. His next Attempt was upon the *Carystians* of *Eubœa*, whom he brought over upon Terms; he afterwards reduc'd *Naxos*, which had revolted, and depriv'd the Inhabitants of their Liberty. Which was the first Instance of the *Athenians* exerting their

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their Power in that Kind beyond the Laws of the Confederacy; tho' it was afterwards frequently practis'd, as the other Cities revolted, to which they were very inclinable upon account of the Tribute, which the *Athenians* began to exact with so much Rigour, as made the Thing burdensome, and their Government odious. To remedy which, *Cimon* took a very plausible Method, and no less advantageous to *Athens*, than easie to her Allies. For perceiving most of them grown weary of the War, especially since the Seat of it was so far remov'd, that they were under no present Apprehensions of Danger, and that they were willing enough to continue the Tax, provided their actual Attendance might be dispenc'd with, he accepted their several Proportions in Mony, and Ships unmann'd. So that while they were enjoying this Interval of Repose, *Athens* was the only State kept under constant Discipline, and well provided; and then they were soon forc'd to Court, and flatter those, whom they had contributed to make no less formidable in *Greece*, than *Persia*; 'till they fell to that Degree of Subjection, as of Allies they almost became Tributaries, and Slaves.

IV. *Pausanias* during these Transactions kept towards the Sea, to concert Measures with the *Persian*; but his Designs were still travers'd by the *Athenian* Generals; upon which he underwent a second Trial: And whether his Practises were not yet fully detected, or that they were tender in the Prosecution of one of the Royal Blood, and who had once deserv'd so well, he was again discharg'd. But persisting in his

his first Intentions, and finding his Affairs advance slowly abroad, he thought to make quicker Dispatch of it at home; and in Order to it about this time excited the *Helots* to rebel. The Discovery of this serv'd to confirm all the rest; and Letters were produc'd, by which it appear'd, that he not only corresponded with *Xerxes*, but that he had actually contracted to betray *Greece* to him, and as a Reward was to

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Pausanias.

receive his Daughter in Marriage. Being thus convicted, he had some Intimation of his Sentence, and took Sanctuary in the Temple of *Minerva*; where the Door being made up, (to which End his Mother is said to have brought the first Stone) he was starv'd to Death; and by this Treason to his Country forfeited the Glory of having rescu'd it by the most signal Victory, that ever was obtain'd in *Greece*.

Themistocles his
Death,

His Fate drew along with it that of *Themistocles*; who had some time before been banish'd by the *Ostracism*, and liv'd in great Esteem at *Argos*. There were found among *Pausanias's* Papers some Hints of a Correspondence carry'd on between these two for promoting the Affairs of the *Persian*: And if he were engaged in that Interest, his Country's Ingratitude might very well prompt him to it. But whatever the Matter of Fact was, it was sufficiently aggravated by the Envy and Malice of the *Lacedaemonians*, who having receiv'd from him the severest Checks to their Ambition, never left off, 'till they got him accus'd and condemn'd, without being heard. Which he having Notice of, fled first to *Corcyra*, then to *Epirus*; where being pursu'd, he got with much difficulty into *Asia*, and apply'd himself to *Xerxes*. *Thucydes*

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des says, contrary to the general Opinion, that his Son *Artaxerxes* was then upon the Throne: But perhaps he was only declar'd Heir to the Crown, it being Customary among the *Persian* Kings to name their Successor some time before they dy'd, as we find *Darius* did before his Expedition; at least this is the most plausible Way of reconciling the Difference. *Xerxes* receiv'd him with uncommon Marks of Friendship, and Esteem, hoping by his means to make another more successful Attempt upon *Greece*. He gave him three Cities to maintain him; so that having liv'd some time in great Splendor, he dy'd, as some say, a natural Death at *Magnesia*. But that which is recorded most to his Glory, is, that having engag'd the *Persian* not to undertake the War against *Greece* without him, he poison'd himself, as being the most honourable Means of acquitting himself both to *Xerxes*, and his Country. Whatever his Intentions were, his Actions were free from Guilt to the last: So that his residing in an Enemies Country, seems to have been rather of Necessity, than Choice, being first abandon'd, and then persecuted by the Insolence, and Jealousie of an ungrateful Mob; who could not at the same time but acknowledge him for the greatest Man in *Greece*, and one born for its Preservation. 'Tis certain, that he first gave the *Athenians* a right Notion of Sea Affairs; and not only laid the Foundation of their Naval Glory, but brought it to a Degree of Perfection, establishing it as a Maxim, That their present, and future Safety depended intirely upon their Shipping. Tho' they were not presently convinc'd of this Truth; and

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and therefore reproach'd him with *Taking them from the Spear, and the Shield, and binding them to the Bank, and the Oar.* He was no less to be admir'd in Peace, than War, providing equally for the Glory, as well as the Safety of the State: Upon which Account, he profess'd, *He could not play upon the Lute; but that in lieu of it, he could raise a great City out of a small one.* He had such a discerning *Genius*, that no body foresaw Things at a greater Distance, or pass'd a quicker, and truer Judgment of them in Cases of present Difficulty. These natural Advantages he set off with a great deal of Artifice. For Instance, when he had a mind to be popular, he made use of his Memory, to call every Citizen by his Name. When he was Admiral, he would put off all Business publick, and private to the Day he was to set Sail, only to raise Peoples Opinion of his Capacity, and Dispatch: And so through the whole Course of his Politicks, there was something more fine and intricate, than *Greece* had hitherto been acquainted with.

Aristides his Death, and Character.

It was also about this time that *Aristides* dy'd: Of whose Integrity, and Contempt of Riches there cannot be a clearer Evidence, than that he, who had been Treasurer of *Greece*, did not leave enough to bury him. He had Virtue enough to intitle him to the first Place in the Common-wealth; but he wav'd that Pre-eminence, which others aspir'd to by a more popular Sort of Merit, being content to act, as it were, under *Themistocles*. But we must not omit one considerable Change he effected of himself whilst he was *Archon*, in repealing a Law of *Solon's*, by which the lowest Order of the

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the People were made incapable of bearing any Office in the Government. He naturally favour'd the Nobility; but when he found the People carry it high upon their Service against the *Persian*, he thought it of less dangerous Consequence, that they should be let into the Administration by Law, than that they should let themselves in by Force. He study'd to make the State as quiet at home, as it was terrible abroad: And as an Instance of the constant, unbiass'd Zeal he express'd for his Country, he would often put up his Proposals in other Peoples Names, that nothing of private Enmity might interpose to the Prejudice of the Publick. Thus he had at least the second Hand in raising *Athens* to her present pitch of Grandeur; and as *Themistocles* was the greatest, so was *Aristides* the best Man of his time.

V. *Athens* being depriv'd of these Supports, the chief Burden lay upon *Cimon*; who having been successful hitherto, and being furnish'd with more Ships, and Provisions, scour'd the *Asiatick* Seas, and made to *Caria*; where all the *Grecian* Cities upon the Sea-Coast immediately came in; and the rest, which were garrison'd by the *Persians*, he took partly by Storm, and partly by managing Intelligence within their Walls. After which he met with the like Success in *Lycia*. So closely did he pursue them, that he would not let them take breath, or put their Affairs in any Posture: So that from *Ionia* to *Pamphylia* there was not a Man appear'd for the *Persian*. Having Notice that they had some Land Forces making head against him upon the Coasts of *Pamphylia*, and that they were supported

ported by a Fleet of at least three hundred and fifty Sail, he immediately directed his Course towards *Cyprus*, about which the Fleet lay. The first Opposition he met with, was at *Phaselis* inhabited by *Grecians*, who upon a Pretence of Neutrality, deny'd him Entrance into their Port: But he soon oblig'd them to pay down ten Talents as a Fine, and to join their Forces with him.

The whole *Persian* Fleet anchor'd at the Mouth of the River *Eurymedon*, where they expected a Reinforcement of *Phenician* Sail, and therefore declin'd fighting, 'till they could come up: But *Cimon* rang'd his Gallies in such a Posture, as to prevent their joining, and yet force them to fight. Upon which they retir'd further within the Mouth of the River; 'till finding the *Athenians* making up to them, they met them, and gave them Battel. Having the Superiority of an hundred Sail, they maintain'd the Conflict for some time, but at last they were forc'd to Shore; where they that came first, threw themselves upon Land, leaving their empty Vessels to the Enemy. So that besides what were sunk, the *Athenians* took an hundred, and some Accounts double that Number. Upon this their Land Army drawing towards the Sea, *Cimon* was in Suspence, whether he should make a Descent: But finding his Men resolute, and flush'd with Victory, he landed them before they had wiped off the Sweat, and Blood of the first Engagement. *Diodorus* says, they were landed by a Stratagem of *Cimon's*, who dress'd the best of his Men in *Persian* Habits, and put 'em on board the Vessels he had taken. However it was, they no sooner touch'd

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touch'd Ground, but they set up a Shout, and ran furiously upon the Enemy, who sustain'd the first Shock with great Obstinacy; so that the Fight began to be very doubtful, several principal Men of the *Athenians* being slain. At length the *Persians* were totally routed, some taken Prisoners, and all their Tents plunder'd; wherein was a great deal of rich Booty, most of which was employ'd by *Cimon* in publick Buildings about the City. Thus did *Cimon* obtain two intire Victories, which in some sense may be said to surpass those of *Salamis*, and *Platea*, being both gain'd the same Day, and by the same Men. And to make them yet more compleat, he intercepted eighty Sail of *Phenicians*, who knowing nothing of the Defeat, were coming up to the Assistance of their Allies: The Ships were all taken, and the Men either slain, or drown'd.

The *Persian* after this was glad to treat upon any Terms; and a Peace was concluded extremely honourable on the *Grecians* Side, the chief Articles being, *That the Grecian Cities in Asia should be left in the quiet Enjoyment of their Liberty; and that both the Land and Sea Forces of the Persians should be kept at such a Distance from the Grecian Seas, as not to give any Umbrage.* 'Tis true, the Account of this Peace depends chiefly upon the Authority of *Plutarch*; for others place it lower, upon *Cimon's* Expedition against *Cyprus*. To confirm which latter Opinion, it is certain the same Inveteracy continu'd between the two Nations, and therefore this first Treaty was not inviolably observ'd: But as the War was prosecuted only by the *Athenians*, and that very faintly, and not so directly

A Peace concluded betwixt Greece, and Persia.

directly against the *Persian*, it never after this Defeat at *Eurymedon* came to a decisive Battel, nor indeed to any general Action, 'till the time that *Alexander* over-run *Asia*. For which Reasons we may allow of this Treaty, and with it conclude the *Persian* War.

About the time of *Xerxes's* Expedition, the Study of Philosophy was translated from *Ionia* to *Athens* by *Anaxagoras* of *Clazomena*, who became so eminent, that he was call'd, * *The Mind* by way of Distinction. Poetry at the same time was cultivated by *Simonides* of the Island *Ceos*, who excell'd in most Kinds of Verse, and recorded the four celebrated Fights at *Marathon*, *Thermopylae*, *Salamis*, and *Platea*. His chief Talent was *Elegy*; wherein he succeeded so well, that *Catullus* calls his Writings in that kind, *The Tears of Simonides*. But the Original of *Elegy* may be more properly ascrib'd to *Mimnermus*, who was contemporary with *Solon*, and invented that soft Strain to lament the Misfortunes of his Love. To *Simonides* is also ascrib'd the Invention of *Artificial Memory*: And his Learning and Wisdom in other Matters procur'd him the Esteem and Friendship of the greatest Men of his time, particularly of *Hiero* Tyrant of *Sicily*.

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From the Peace concluded upon Cimon's Victories at the River Eurymedon, to the Beginning of the Peloponnesian War.

Containing the Space of 38 Years.

I. **T**HE *Athenian* Forces being withdrawn from *Asia*, were employ'd in reducing the *Thracian Chersonesus*. After which they fell upon the *Thasians* upon the Account of some rich Mines they were possess'd of. *Cimon* having defeated them at Sea, they stood a Siege; and in the mean while desir'd the *Spartans* to invade *Attica*. But they had at that time their Hands full in repairing the Damages of a violent Earthquake, which had destroy'd a great many Men, with most part of their Buildings: And *Pausanias* by tampering with the *Helots*, had left such Impressions upon them, that they took this Opportunity to rebel. So that the *Thasians* not being able to procure a Diversion, submitted upon Terms in the third Year of the Siege. But *Cimon* instead of being rewarded for this Service, was accus'd of holding Intelligence with the King of *Macedon*, because when the Passage was open'd, he did not make a further Irruption into his Territories. He urg'd several things in his Defence, and was seconded by his Sister *Elpinice*; who addressing her self to *Pericles* in

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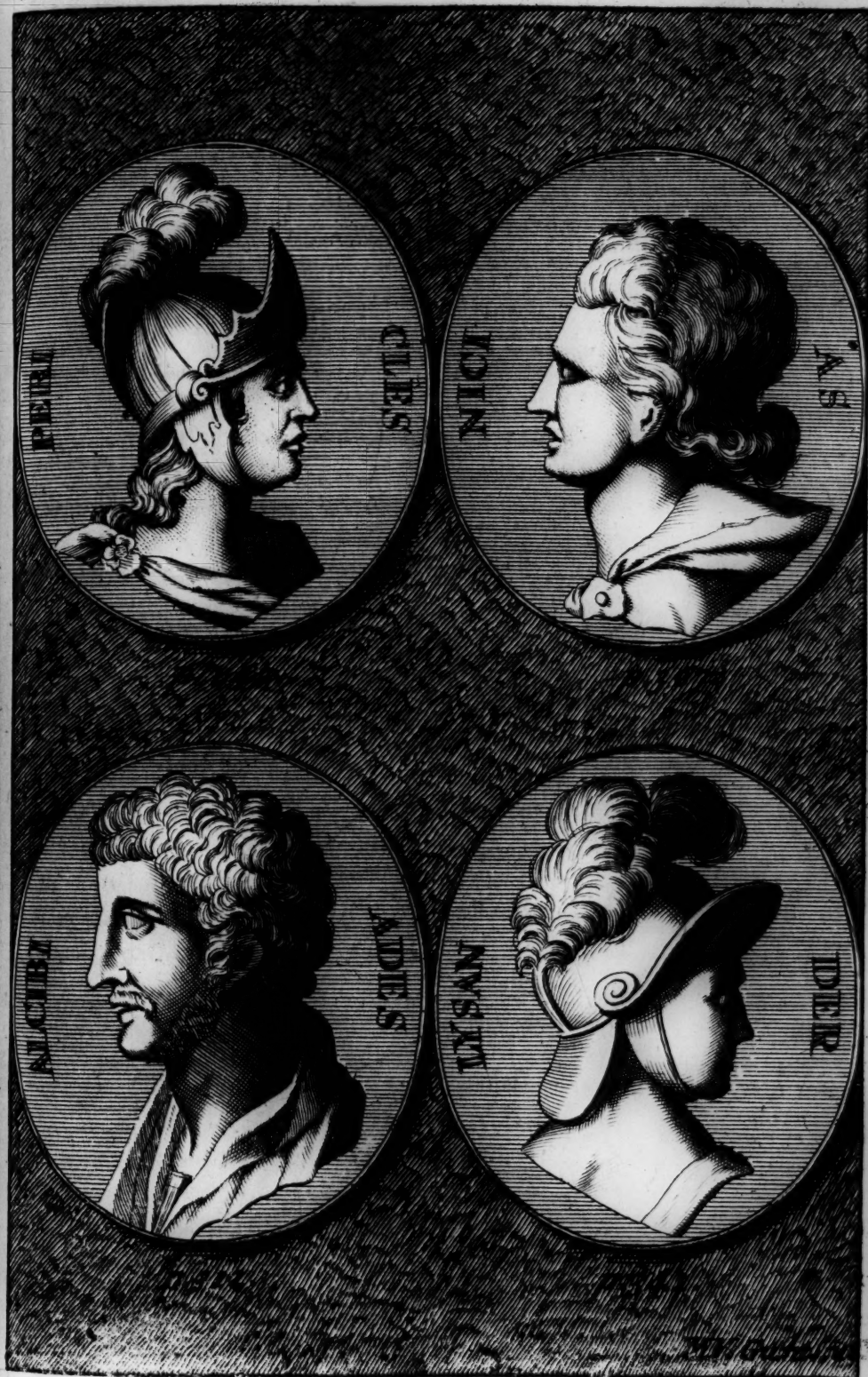
his behalf, he answer'd her with a Smile, *You are too old, Madam, to manage Affairs of this Nature.* However he became afterwards more mild in his Prosecution; he rose up but once to plead against him, and then did it so faintly, that he was easily acquitted.

The Rise of Pericles.

But since we have mention'd *Pericles*, as one who appear'd now with an establish'd Character, and began to take upon him the chief Management of Affairs in *Athens*, it may be necessary to take a more distinct View of him, that we may see both by what Steps he arriv'd to that Eminence in the State, and what Alterations the State it self suffer'd under him. He was descended of one of the best Families in *Athens*, his Father being *Xanthippus*, who had been very active against the *Persian*, and bore a considerable Sway in the City, and his Mother *Agariste*, the Grand-daughter of *Cliftenes*. His Education was suitable to his Birth; and having a strange Vivacity of Parts, he easily retain'd, and improv'd the Instructions of the best Masters: Among whom *Anaxagoras* was the chief; for as others had only furnish'd him with some loose Notions of Philosophy, he establish'd in him Maxims of sound Sense, and put him upon an Enquiry into the secret Springs, and Arts of Government. It was observ'd, that he bore a near Resemblance to *Pisistratus* both in Person, and Parts: But he was so far from thinking this an Advantage, that it made him shy of meddling with State-Affairs, least it should be thought he was carrying on the same Designs. For this Reason his first Service was in the Wars, where he acquitted himself with Honour: But he took his

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his Opportunity, as *Themistocles*, *Aristides*, and the other great Men went off, to apply himself to the State, as his more proper Province; where he appear'd with an extraordinary Advantage in the *Art of Speaking*. He had accusom'd himself by a Flow of Words to confute any Opinion right or wrong; and the Use he made of this Faculty, was to work every thing to his own Designs. His way of haranguing was in an *Imperial Strain*; from whence most probably he had the Sirname of *Olympius*, intimating, that like *Jupiter*, he thunder'd when he spoke. And then the Tunableness of his Voice, the Air of his Face, his very Dress, and Gesture had something of a commanding Gravity, which charm'd, and astonish'd all that heard, or saw him. The chief Obstacle to his Rise he found was *Cimon*, whose Candor, Liberality, and good Service had procur'd him a general Love, and Esteem, and who besides had fix'd a particular Interest with the Nobility: So that *Pericles* in Opposition to him fell in with the People; and as he saw no other way of pushing his Ambition, this made him guilty of some mean popular Compliances, which otherwise the Greatness of his Spirit, and the Reservedness of his Temper would not have consented to. As he was not yet upon an equal Foot with *Cimon*, who had Money enough to display his generous Qualities to Advantage, and by that means to thwart his Designs, this put him upon making use of the publick Money: So that by Bribes, Largesses, and other Distributions, he easily gain'd the People. Having laid this promising Foundation, he struck next at the Council of *Areopagus*.

gus; and by the Assistance of *Ephialtes* another mighty Champion for the People, he withdrew most Causes from the Cognizance of that Court, and brought the whole Order into Contempt. By these Methods he soon got the Ascendant over all his Competitors; and if *Cimon* was not persecuted with any great Heat, and Rancour, it was because he was wanted, and through the Easiness of his Temper he comply'd, and gave way, contenting himself rather with the Merit, than the Reward of serving his Country.

The *Lacedamonians* in their Distress sent for some *Athenian* Succours to suppress their Slaves: But *Ephialtes* oppos'd it, as a very wrong Step to raise up, or assist a City that was Rival to *Athens*; he insisted, *That it was necessary to break the Pride, and Arrogance of Sparta; and that the best means of doing it, was while She was down, to keep her so.* *Cimon* urging on the contrary, *That they should not suffer Greece to be main'd by the Loss of so considerable a Member, nor their own City to be depriv'd of her Companion,* obtain'd leave to march out with a good Body to their Relief. But however the *Helots* were dispers'd for the present, they soon got to an head again; and having drawn several of their Neighbours into a Confederacy, possess'd themselves of *Ithome*, the old Receptacle in the *Messenian* Wars. Upon which the *Spartans* dispatch'd Messengers a second time to *Athens* for Supplies: Which were no sooner arriv'd, but their Minds chang'd; so that either distrusting, or disdaining their Service, they sent them home again. Whatever Cause of Resentment the *Spartans* had hitherto

ther to met with, they had still carry'd it fair, or at least cautiously: But this was such an open Affront, that it became the Grounds of a long profess'd Enmity between the two States. The *Athenians* vented their Anger first upon *Cimon*, as a Favourer of the *Lacedemonians*. He was indeed an Admirer of their Constitution, and had Personal Obligations to them, being at his first Rise chiefly countenanc'd by them in Opposition to *Themistocles*. Besides he had created himself Enemies by espousing the Interest of the Nobility against *Pericles*, and *Ephialtes*. So that upon these, and other slight Pretences, he was forc'd to submit to the *ten Years Banishment*. But whatever was alledg'd against him, his Case was much the same with that of his Predecessors: He had done too much to live easie, or safe with a People, who fear'd none so much, as the Authors of their Deliverance; so that they had recourse to the *Ostracism*, as an Expedient always at hand; and it was now grown so Customary, that it was in a manner become the *Test* of a Man's Merit.

Cimon banish'd.

The next Step the *Athenians* made, was to quit their Alliance with the *Spartans*, and enter into one with the *Argives* their profess'd Enemies, in which they also comprehended the *Thessalians*. The jarring of these two States gave occasion to several others to follow their Example. Particularly about this time the Inhabitants of *Mycena* carrying it high upon their Service in the *Persian Wars*, endeavour'd to recover their ancient Splendor, by throwing off their Dependance upon the Common-wealth of *Argos*. The *Argives* had long look'd upon

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them with a jealous Eye; and took this Opportunity of humbling them, whilst the *Spartans* were too deeply engag'd in their Domestick War, to relieve them. Accordingly they first defeated them in the Field, and then block'd up their City; which made a very good Defence for some time, 'till being almost exhausted, it was taken, and utterly demolish'd. This was the End of *Mycenæ*, which had made an early Figure in *Greece*, and been the Nursery of many of her first Heroes. The *Helots* all this while gave the *Spartans* a great deal of Trouble before *Ithome*: But in the tenth Year of the Siege they were forc'd to submit; and being banish'd *Peloponnesus*, the *Athenians* receiv'd them, and settled them with their Families in *Naupactus*, which they had lately taken from the *Locri Ozola*. There was also about this time a Quarrel between *Corinth*, and *Megara*; the latter of which Cities revolting from its Alliance with *Sparta*, was protected, and garrison'd by the *Athenians*: Which as it was a new Accession to *Athens*, so it was the Grounds of an inveterate Hatred betwixt that State, and *Corinth*.

Affairs in
Egypt.

II. But before we proceed to the Effects of these Divisions, it will be necessary to touch upon a new Expedition of the *Athenians*, in *Egypt*, which had revolted from the *Persian*, at the Instigation of *Inarus* King of *Lybia*. The *Athenians*, notwithstanding the late Treaty, had rigg'd out a good Fleet, the Design being laid against *Cyprus*; which lying in the Streights between *Cilicia*, *Syria*, and *Egypt*, would give them a great Command in those
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Parts, and be upon all Occasions a Curb to the *Persian*. *Inarus* knowing of what Use they would be to him, diverted them from this Enterprize, by proposing to them a Share in his Conquests, as of far greater Consequence to them, than the Addition of a small Island. Accordingly they went with two hundred Sail to his Assistance; and were no sooner landed, but they join'd Battel, routed the *Persians*, and pursu'd them to *Memphis*, took two Parts of the City, and block'd up the third, which went by the Name of the *White Wall*. *Artaxerxes*, tho' he sent above three hundred thousand Men into the Field, was so hard press'd, that he practis'd with the *Lacedemonians* to invade *Attica*, in hopes the *Athenians* would be recall'd to its Defence. This was the first Instance of the *Persians* attempting to bribe one Part of *Greece*, to act against the other: However their Generosity, or their Fear sway'd so much with them, as to reject his Proposals. But the *Persians* coming next Year with a great Reinforcement of Men, and Shipping, gave a mighty Turn to their Affairs. The *Athenians* had made several Attempts to storm the *White Wall*: But upon the Approach of these Forces they were oblig'd to raise the Siege, and retire into *Byblus* a Town of *Prosopis* an Island of the *Nile*, with their Fleet lying in the River before the Town. Here they held out a Siege of eighteen Months: After which the *Persians* turning the Course of the River, drain'd the Channel; and having by that means taken their Gallies, put all the Men to the Sword, except some few, who escap'd into *Lybia*: Tho' *Diodorus* says, that finding their

Ships made useless by this Stratagem, they set fire to 'em themselves, resolving to fight it out to the last Man; and that the *Persians* seeing their Obstinacy, let them go upon Terms, 'Tis certain, that being abandon'd by the *Ægyptians*, they were so weaken'd, that they could not make head again. And to compleat their Misfortunes, it happen'd that fifty Sail being sent to their Relief, and knowing nothing of their Defeat, fell in with the *Phœnicians* at *Mendesum* one of the Mouths of *Nile*, and were most of them destroy'd.

Six Years the *Athenians* spent in this fruitless Expedition; during which time their Fellow-Citizens found Employment enough among their Neighbours. Their Quarrel with the *Corinthians* about *Megara* came to two pitch'd Battels; wherein the *Epidaurians* assisted *Corinth*, and both Sides were Victorious in their Turns. Soon after the War was renew'd with the *Æginetans*, whose Reputation for Sea-Affairs having been confirm'd by their Service against the *Persian*, they could ill bear the excessive Growth of the *Athenian* Power. But they were shamefully defeated with the Loss of seventy Sail: After which *Leocrates* landed in the Island, and block'd up the City. The *Peloponnesians* sent three hundred Men to its Relief: And the *Corinthians* took this Opportunity, whilst the *Athenian* Forces were divided betwixt *Ægypt*, and *Ægina*, to make Incursions into *Megaris*. But the *Athenians* march'd out of the City to a Man against them under the Conduct of *Myronides*. In the first Battel the *Corinthians* without reason pretended to have the better: But upon their coming to
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erect a Trophy, a second ensu'd, wherein they were intirely defeated.

The next Quarrel of importance was between the *Phocians* and *Dorians*; to the Assistance of which latter the *Lacedamonians*, as being originally descended from them, sent an Army of eleven thousand five hundred Men. These Forces soon brought the *Phocians* to Terms; but gave Occasion to a much sharper Contest with the *Athenians*: Who perceiving that they loiter'd about *Bæotia* for fear of being intercepted in their Return, drain'd their City again, and with their own, and their Confederate Forces making up fourteen thousand Men, met them about *Tanagra* a City not far distant from *Thebes*. Here *Cimon* came in to them; and tho' he was still under the Sentence of *Ostracism*, rang'd himself with those of his own Tribe. But the Council of five hundred not knowing what Designs he might have, commanded the Officers not to receive him: Whereupon he left the Army, conjuring *Euthippus*, and the rest of his Companions, who lay under the same Suspicion of favouring the Enemy, to behave themselves so, as to vindicate their good Intentions to their Country. They follow'd his Advice; and being an hundred in Number made a separate Body; and, the Battel being join'd, charg'd so desperately, that they were all cut off, leaving to the *Athenians* a double Regret, both for the Loss of such brave Men, and for their having so unjustly suspected them. After a great Slaughter on both Sides, the *Lacedamonians* obtain'd the Victory; which was occasion'd chiefly by the Revolt of the *Thessalian* Horse to them in the heat

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heat of the Action. After which they harass'd *Megaris*, and return'd home through the *Isthmus*.

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The *Athenians* in about two Months after this Defeat, resolving to revenge themselves, march'd again into *Bœotia*, and intirely routed the Inhabitants, with those *Lacedæmonian* Forces, which were left about *Tanagra*. This Battle was fought at a Place call'd *Oenophyta*, or the *Vineyards*: And tho' the Manner and Order of it is no where describ'd, *Diodorus* makes it as famous as any of Antiquity, in regard it was fought against as stout and hardy a People as any in *Greece*, and the Success of it was owing purely to the *Athenian* Valour, without the Assistance of their Confederates. After the Fight they took *Tanagra* by Storm, and demolish'd it; over-run the greatest part of *Bœotia*, as also of *Phocis*, and the *Locri Opuntii*; of which latter they took an hundred Hostages, and return'd to *Athens*; where *Myronides* their General was receiv'd with great Acclamations, for having accomplish'd so much in so short a Compass of Time. And it was upon the good Management, and Success of this Expedition, that he has been rank'd with the greatest of the *Athenian* Captains; tho' his Name and Actions being not so generally recorded, have consequently made less Noise in the World. The *Athenians* at this time finish'd their long Walls, which join'd the City to the Port, and which they had begun after the last Defeat of the *Corinthians*. And notwithstanding their many Divisions, the Siege of *Ægina* had been carry'd on without Interruption; and the Inhabitants now yielding it up, had no other Terms
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given them, than to rase the Walls, deliver up their Shipping, and pay their Tribute for the future. The next who signaliz'd himself in *Athens*, was *Tolmides*, who out of Emulation to the Exploits of *Myronides*, coasted *Peloponnesus* with fifty Gallies, and four thousand Men on board them, took *Gytheum* a Port-Town of *Laconia*; where he burnt and destroy'd their Naval Forces, and harass'd the Country. From thence he made successful Inroads into the *Corinthian* Territories, and defeated the *Sicyonians* in a Land Fight.

These were the Transactions of the *Athenians* during the War in *Egypt*: But about the time of the Defeat there, a Stop was also put to their Career in *Greece*. Particularly they were foil'd in *Thessaly*, attempting to reinstate *Orestes*, who being banish'd thence, had begg'd their Assistance. After which *Pericles* put to Sea, and took much the same Compass *Tolmides* did, but not altogether with the same Success. He harass'd the Cities upon the Sea-Coasts, gave the *Sicyonians* another Overthrow, and taking in fresh Supplies at *Achaia*, which was then in League with *Athens*, put over to *Acarmania*; but was forc'd to return without performing any thing of Importance. The *Athenians* ever since the business of *Tanagra*, suspected a Storm from *Sparta*: And as the Event of that Action had given them cause to repent their ill Usage of *Cimon*, they thought it necessary to their Affairs at this Juncture, to have him recall'd. Accordingly, when he had been five Years in Exile, *Pericles*, who was the chief Instrument in his Banishment, writ the Edict for his Return. And being return'd, he

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Procures a Peace betwixt Athens and Sparta. he made use of his Interest in *Sparta*, to reconcile that State to *Athens*; which he so far effected, that a Peace was concluded betwixt 'em for five Years.

His Expedition to Cyprus.

Peace being establish'd, he found the *Athenians* impatient of Ease: And least so many Ships cruising about *Peloponnesus*, and the Isles, should give fresh Occasion to intestine Wars, he propos'd to make another Attempt upon *Cyprus*. Tho' some say, *Pericles* made this a private Condition of his Return, that he should Command the Forces abroad upon some Expedition against the *Persians*, and leave him to govern in the City. And it seems very probable, that something of this Nature pass'd betwixt 'em, because *Pericles* had constantly taken occasion, whilst the other was abroad, to reverse all that had been done by him in favour of the Nobility. Whatever the Motive was, he mann'd out two hundred Gallies, and being arriv'd at *Cyprus*, detach'd sixty of them for the Service in *Egypt*. For tho' upon the last Defeat there, *Inarus* was taken, and most of the Country reduc'd, the fenny Parts of it still held out under *Apyrrians*. *Cimon* in the mean while over-run great Part of the Island *Cyprus*, and laid Siege to *Citium*: But lying before the Town, (whether sick or wounded, is not determin'd) and perceiving he should die, he charg'd those about him to conceal the News of his Death; which they manag'd with such Secrecy, that the *Grecian* Army was conducted, as it were, by him thirty Days after he was dead. And having obtain'd a great Victory, wherein they took an hundred of the *Phoenician*, *Cyprian*, and *Cilician* Vessels, and being join'd by the Ships,

His Death.

Ships, which return'd from *Egypt*, they sail'd home. *Diodorus* insinuates, that it was upon this Defeat that memorable Peace was concluded, which is mention'd after the Fight at *Eurymedon*: But as all Writers agree as to the main Articles, tho' not as to the time, this might probably be the same Treaty renew'd. With *Cimon* in a great Measure fell that true Spirit of Gallantry, which had hitherto animated a Race of Heroes against the common Enemy. And as he was the last, so in one respect he was the greatest of them; inasmuch as he struck a greater Terror into the *Persian*, by carrying the War almost into the Heart of his Country; and aw'd him so in the *Lesser Asia*, that no Officer of what Quality, or Character soever could command there, nor durst any Soldier appear in Arms, within four hundred Furlongs of the Sea. As to his Behaviour at home, he was open, and obliging, and came very little short of *Aristides's* Integrity. For an Instance of this latter, he gave an handsome turn to *Resaces* a *Persian*; who having fled from the King his Master, came to him for Protection against the Insults of some of the Mob in *Athens*, and offer'd him two Cups full of *Darius's*: *Cimon* ask'd him smilingly, *Whether he would have him to be his Mercenary, or his Friend?* He reply'd, *His Friend.* *Why then, says he, take away your Money: For as such, I presume it is at my Service, whenever I shall have occasion for it; and when I have, I'll send to you.* What Riches he had got by the Wars, he employ'd to so good Uses, that he was rather to be accounted Charitable than Profuse, keeping an open House, and laying down the Inclosures about it for the Benefit

Benefit of the Poor; and that without any popular Design, further than by such good Offices to restrain a Spirit of Faction, which he saw was breaking in upon the Constitution.

The Battel
at Coronea.

Soon after these Transactions abroad, happen'd a Quarrel about the Temple at *Delphi*, from whence it was call'd the *Holy War*. The *Lacedæmonians* taking it from the *Phocians*, who had got Possession of it, gave it up to the Inhabitants: But immediately upon their Departure, *Pericles* came with a Body of *Athenians*, and put the *Phocians* in again. And now the *Bæotians* beginning to revolt, the *Athenians* seiz'd several of their Towns, and garrison'd them: But the *Bæotians* being join'd by their Neighbours, surpris'd them in their Return, and at *Coronea* cut off the greatest part of their Forces, with *Tolmides* their General, and took therest Prisoners; to redeem whom, the *Athenians* were forc'd to restore them to their Country, and Liberty. As the Event of this Action serv'd mightily to raise the Peoples Esteem of *Pericles*, who had us'd his utmost Efforts to dissuade *Tolmides* from it, as a rash Enterprize, and ill-tim'd; so it encourag'd the *Eubæans* to make head: And *Pericles* was no sooner landed in the Island to chastise them, but News came, that *Megara* had also revolted; and that the *Lacedæmonians* were harassing the Borders of *Attica*. Upon which he quitted this War, to attend that which threaten'd home: Where instead of putting it to the Issue of a Battel, he practis'd with *Plistoanax* the *Spartan* King, and by the means of *Cleandrides* (whom the *Ephoroi* had sent with him by reason of his Youth, as his Assistant) bought him off. *Pericles* in gi-

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ving up his Accounts of this Expedition, had set down a Disbursement of ten Talents, as laid out upon a necessary Occasion; and the People without troubling themselves to canvass the Mystery, freely allow'd of it. It is added further, that he had his yearly Pensioners in *Sparta*; and constantly sent the same Sum for the same secret Service: By which means the War was kept off, 'till the *Athenians* were provided. 'Tis said the *Spartans* fin'd their King in such a Sum, that not being able to pay it, he quitted his Country; and his Counsellor, who had fled for it, was sentenc'd to Death. However *Attica* being freed, *Pericles* repairs again to *Enbæa*; and having reduc'd the whole Island, banish'd the Inhabitants of *Hestiaa*, for having kill'd the Men on board an *Attick* Ship they had taken, and in their room brought in a Colony of his own Citizens. All Parties being rather tir'd than satisfy'd with this Variety of Fortune, began to hearken to a Peace, which was at last concluded between *Athens*, and *Lacedæmon* for thirty Years, the Allies of both Sides being included. So that the *Athenians* were forc'd to evacuate most of the Towns they had garrison'd; and it was further provided, that whatever City had not yet declar'd, should be at liberty to join with either Side, as Occasion should serve. At the same time *Diodorus* observes, there was a general Peace in all Parts.

A general Peace.

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III. During this Interval, it may not be improper to take a Survey of *Athens*; where *Pericles* was still improving his Interest with the People. But as they found *Cimon's* Death had put

A view of Affairs in Athens.

put him in a Capacity of carrying his Designs further than they could allow of, they set up *Thucydides* against him, a Man sober and discreet, and related to *Cimon*. And tho' he was not so profess'd a Soldier as he, he was better vers'd in the Courts of Law, and Business of State, and in that respect a more suitable Match for his Competitor. He having sever'd out the best sort of Men, who before pass'd undistinguish'd among the Multitude, form'd them into a Body, which pass'd under the Name of *The Few*, or the *Great Ones*, in Opposition to the *Commons*. And tho' this Distinction could not but create some Disturbances, it serv'd however as a Counter-poise to the State in general, which apprehended less from the Contention of two establish'd Parties, than from the uncontroul'd Power of one Man. *Pericles* in the mean while manag'd his Affairs with such Nicety, that he temper'd all his Actions with an Air of greater Advantage to the State, than himself. Such was his sending sixty Gallies yearly, with a proportionable Number of the Citizens on board them, as a *Nursery* for Seamen. Such was his planting another Part of them in the late Conquests, and dividing the Lands among them by Lot. As by these Methods he aw'd both the Enemies and Allies of *Athens*, so he provided for the Necessitous, and had a further End in discharging the City of the Idle, and consequently the most busie and inquisitive part of the People. Then to cajole, and amuse those who were left, he entertain'd them with publick Shews, Feasts, and other Solemnities. And to keep them generally employ'd, and make some shew of the vast

Sums

Sums he expended in these Projects, he set to beautifying the City far beyond what his Predecessors had attempted. He gave such Encouragement, as produc'd strange sort of Emulation in all kinds of Artists: So that *Athens* on a sudden became *one continu'd Ornament*. As a Specimen of the rest, he restor'd and enlarg'd the *Parthenion*, or Temple of *Minerva* burnt by the *Persians*; which is said to be even at this Day both for Matter and Art, the most beautiful Piece of Antiquity remaining in the World. It was from this time, that *Athens* came to be so much admir'd by Strangers, and envy'd by her Neighbours: And this Politeness, Pomp, and Luxury in Building, seems to have laid the Foundation of the same Excess, to which she soon after arriv'd in other things. But *Pericles* by this gave occasion to his Enemies, to reproach him with squandering away the Money, which was given for the Maintenance of the War. They complain'd in the popular Assemblies, *That it was what they could not answer either to themselves, or their Allies; that they had no Pretence for moving the Bank of Greece from Delos, but to secure it from the Barbarians; and that he had broke the Neck of that Excuse, by diverting it to other Uses.* *Pericles* urg'd in Defence of himself, and the State, *That they were no way accountable to their Confederates, who did not so much as set out Ship, Man, or Horse for the Service, whilst they were continually exposing themselves in their Defence: That as for the Money, it was not theirs who gave, but theirs who receiv'd it, so long as they perform'd the Conditions, upon which they receiv'd it.* He added further, *That it was fit the Handi-*
S *craftsmen*

craftsmen should have their Share in the publick Mony, and yet that they should do something for it; and that since they were sufficiently stor'd with Provisions for the War, they might very fairly convert the Overplus to the Use, and Ornament of the City. This salved the Business for the present: And when at another time Thucydides's Party was railing at him upon the same Account, he put the Question to the People, *Whether they thought he had laid out too much?* They told him, *Yes.* Well then, says he, *let it all go upon my Account, and accordingly I'll make the Inscriptions upon the Temples, and other publick Buildings, in my own Name.* Whether they were struck with the Greatness of his Spirit in this Reply, or that they envy'd him the Glory of the Works, they unanimously bid him go on, and finish 'em at the publick Charge.

The Samian Expedition.

The first new Disturbance happen'd six Years after the Peace, between the *Samians*, and *Milesians*, about *Priene* a City of *Ionia*: Wherein the latter being worsted, apply'd themselves to the *Athenians*; who accordingly interest'd themselves in the Quarrel, being also encourag'd to it by a disgusted Party of the *Samians* themselves. *Pericles* appear'd so particularly warm in it, that the State took notice of it; and the rather because what he did, was thought to be at the Instigation of *Aspasia* a *Milesian* Mistress of his. He mann'd out forty Gallies, and made a Descent upon *Samos*; where breaking up the *Oligarchy*, he establish'd a *Democracy* after the *Athenian* Model; then taking Hostages, transported them to *Lemnos*, and leaving a Garrison in *Samos*, return'd home. In the mean while fe-

veral of the Citizens, who had fled to the Continent upon the Change of their Government, betook themselves to *Pissuthnes* the *Persian* Governor of *Sardis*, and at the same time holding Correspondence with some of the leading Men in *Samos*, enter'd it by Night with seven hundred Auxiliaries: Where they put all to the Sword, who oppos'd them; and having got their Hostages privately convey'd from *Lemnos*, deliver'd up the *Athenian* Garrison to *Pissuthnes*; then drew *Byzantium* into their Alliance, and renew'd the War with the *Milesians*.

Pericles having Notice of this Surprise, put to Sea again with sixty Sail: With forty four of them he fell in with the Enemy, and obtain'd a signal Victory, having taken, sunk, and routed the whole *Samian* Fleet consisting of seventy Sail, twenty of which were Men of War. Having by this Means made himself Master of the Port, he pursu'd his Victory by Land, and block'd up the City. But instead of pressing the Siege, he went with a fresh Supply of Ships in quest of the *Phœnician* Fleet, which he heard was coming to the Relief of the besieg'd; who in the mean time finding great Detachments drawn off, made a successful Sally, and recover'd the Harbour; so that having an open Sea, they imported all their necessary Provisions. But *Pericles* being return'd with still greater Supplies from home, which were also augmented by a Fleet of *Chians* and *Lesbians*, he hemm'd them in with a Wall, and made use of battering Engines: So that with small Loss he carry'd the Town in the ninth Month of the Siege, obliging them To demolish Samos re-
duc'd.

their Walls, deliver up their Shipping, pay a good Fine towards the Charge of the War, and give
 A. M. Hostages for Security. This happen'd about the
 3564. beginning of the eighty fifth Olympiad; from
 Olym.85.1 which time 'till the twentieth Year of the Peloponnesian War, Samos continu'd in Alliance with Athens, and under the popular Government. The War being over, Byzantium also return'd to its former Obedience. This was the chief of Pericles's military Exploits; and he could not help valuing himself upon it so far, as to say, *He had in nine Months done as much against the chief City of Ionia, as Agamemnon did in ten Years against Troy.* The truth is, he met with more Hazard and Difficulty, than he was aware of, the Samians being arriv'd to that Power by Sea, that they were within very little of wresting the Dominion of it out of the Athenians Hands.

Stirs at Epidamnus.

IV. The next Commotions were about two Years after at *Epidamnus*, and require a distinct Relation, as they give light to the Sequel of the Story, and are the common reputed Grounds of that Flame, which was kindled in all Greece. *Epidamnus*, afterwards known by the Name of *Dyrrachium*, was a Colony of the *Corcyraans*; which growing first Rich, and then Factionous, banish'd the chief of her Citizens. The Exiles joining with the *Illyrians* their Neighbours, brought the *Epidamnians* so low, that they were forc'd to send to *Corcyra* their Mother City for Assistance; which rejecting their Request, the Oracle directed them to the *Corinthians*, as their Original Founders. For as *Corcyra*

cyra was their Founder, so *Corinth* was the *Corcyraeans*; and *Phalins* of the Posterity of *Hercules*, who led the Colony into *Epidamnus*, was himself a *Corinthian*, and carry'd several of his Countrymen with him. Accordingly upon their giving up themselves, and their City to them, they took them under their Protection, but not more out of Pity to them, than out of a Pique to *Corcyra*; whose Wealth, and Naval Power, wherein she was little inferior to any State in *Greece*, had made her insolent, so as to throw off all manner of Dependance on them, even to the common Marks of Acknowledgement, exacted as due from a Colony to its *Metropolis*. The *Corinthians* having sent some new Inhabitants to *Epidamnus* with a Garrison to secure them, the *Corcyraeans* resented it as interposing in their Affairs; and going with a Fleet to *Epidamnus*, commanded the Citizens to receive their Exiles, and expel the *Corinthians*; and upon their positive Refusal block'd them up. In the mean time, when they found the *Corinthians* preparing to relieve them, they offer'd to refer it to any indifferent City of *Peloponnesus*, as to the Right of the Colony. But the *Corinthians* resolving to humble them, sent a Fleet of seventy five Gallies with two thousand Soldiers on board them. The *Corcyraeans* had an hundred and twenty Sail; forty of which being left to carry on the Siege, they made up to them with the rest near the Promontory of *Actium*, and defeated them: And to make it a compleat Victory, *Epidamnus* was surrender'd up to 'em the same Day.

Being now Masters of those Seas, they infested the other Colonies, and Confederates of *Corinth*. But the Summer following, the *Corinthians* made very great Preparations in order to revenge this Disgrace: Which the others having Notice of, laid their Case before the *Athenians*, insisting upon the Article of their late Treaty with the *Peloponnesians*, which gave them leave to take any State, that had not been engag'd, into their Alliance. The *Corinthians* at the same time put in their Remonstrances: And after a full hearing on both Sides, and two Assemblies of the People, they concluded *Corcyra* was a Place of too great Importance, in regard both of its own Strength, and as it was a convenient Pass into *Italy*, and *Sicily*, to let it be an Accession to *Corinth*. Yet as on the other Hand they were tender of violating the Peace, they made only a Defensive League with it, giving their Officers in Charge to decline the Fight, unless the *Corcyreans* or they were first attack'd. Accordingly they voted an Aid of ten Gallies: But the sending so small a Squadron was look'd upon rather as an Hardship upon *Lacedemonius* the Son of *Cimon*, who commanded them, than a Relief to *Corcyra*; and as it stuck chiefly upon *Pericles*, who did all he could to hinder the Rise of *Cimon's* Family, he was forc'd to procure a new Supply; but it came too late to do much Service. The *Corinthians* putting to Sea with ninety Ships of their own, and sixty of their Allies, the *Corcyreans* met 'em betwixt their Island and the Continent of *Epirus* with a hundred and twenty of their own, and the *Athenians*. As this was their greatest Number, that had hitherto been

The Fight
between the
Corcyreans, and
Corinthians.

been engag'd of the *Grecians* among themselves, so the Fight was long and obstinate, but artless, and confus'd, and rather desperate, than decisive. For tho' the *Corcyraeans* lost seventy Sail for thirty of the Enemy, and a hundred Prisoners; yet as upon the Arrival of twenty Sail more from *Athens*, they kept the Sea, recover'd a great part of their Wreck, and dead Bodies, and made another Offer of Battel, which was not accepted, this made the Claim of Victory so equal, that both Sides erected Trophies. Whatever Advantage the *Corinthians* had, they did not care to pursue it; so that being content to leave *Corcyra*, rather safe than victorious, they return'd home, having in their Passage taken *Anactorium* a Town in the Bay of *Ambracia*. But they complain'd loudly of the *Athenians*, as having violated the Treaty, in which they were compris'd with *Lacedamon*:

And this was the first Pretence of the general War which follow'd. What they call'd the breaking of the Peace, the *Athenians* term'd only assisting their Confederates: But they did not depend much upon the Nicety of this Distinction; and finding it must come to an open Rupture, thought it the wisest Course to be before-hand with them.

*The first
Grounds of
the Peloponnesian
War.*

Accordingly they sent to the Inhabitants of *Potidea*, a Town in the *Isthmus* of *Pallene* a *Corinthian* Colony, but tributary to *Athens*, to demolish their Walls towards *Pallene*, to give Hostages, to expel their Magistrates sent yearly to them from *Corinth*, and to receive no more of them for the future. They had first Recourse to Entreaties, that nothing of Extremity might be put upon them; but when they

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could get no Abatement of these Terms, they went with the *Corinthian* Ambassadors to *Sparta*, and obtain'd an Assurance that in Case the *Athenians* made War upon them, the *Lacedæmonians* would enter *Attica* with an Army. They had further Encouragement from *Perdiccas* the *Macedonian* King, who having at that time a Quarrel with the *Athenians* for assisting his Brothers against him, procur'd several neighbouring Places of *Thrace* and *Macedon*, to join with them in a general Revolt. Besides these home Alliances, they had two thousand Men sent 'em from *Corinth* under *Aristæus*. However the *Athenians* went on with their Designs, having before sent Orders to the Captains of the thirty Gallies they had in those Parts, to see their Commands executed upon *Potidæa*, and to have a watchful Eye upon its Neighbours. But being too weak to deal with *Perdiccas*, and the revolted Cities at the same time, they receiv'd a Supply of forty Gallies with two thousand Men under the Conduct of *Callias*. The Forces on both Sides being join'd, a Battel ensu'd, wherein one of the *Athenian* Wings was worsted by the *Corinthians*, but in other Parts they routed *Perdiccas*; which *Aristæus* the *Corinthian* General perceiving, gave over the Pursuit, and breaking through the Ranks, threw himself into *Potidæa*. The *Athenians* in this Action lost but a hundred and fifty Men, amongst whom was *Callias*, and the Enemy scarce double that Number. However it was a Victory on the *Athenians* Side; who having soon after receiv'd a fresh Supply of sixteen hundred Men under the Command of *Phormio*, block'd up *Potidæa* by Sea and Land.

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As the Business of *Corcyra* was urg'd against the *Athenians*, so was this of *Potidea* against the *Peloponnesians*; and may be look'd upon as the second Pretence for the War, inasmuch as they had incited that and other Towns to renounce their Allegiance to *Athens*.

The Noise of this Siege brought the *Corinthian* Ambassadors to *Sparta*; where they and all other States, which had any Injustice to charge the *Athenians* with, had free Liberty of declaring their Grievances. *Agina* complain'd of being oppress'd contrary to the Liberty allow'd by her last Agreement with *Athens*; *Megara* of being prohibited the Freedom of the *Athenian* Ports, and Markets. And when enough had been said to prepare the *Lacedemonians*, the *Corinthians* made a long Speech to them; wherein taking the Justice of their Resentment for granted, they endeavour'd chiefly to rouse them into a Sense of the common Danger of *Peloponnesus*, so far as to charge them with being selfish, and supine, and not acting up to the Reputation, they had formerly acquir'd; and that in short, *If they would not take this Opportunity of vindicating themselves, and their Allies, they must be forc'd to have recourse to those that would.* Some *Athenian* Ambassadors, who were then at *Sparta* upon other Business, desir'd they might have leave to exceed their Commission so far, as to refute what Envy and Prejudice had suggested against their Fellow-Citizens. They began with a Recapitulation of the *Persian* Wars; wherein the whole Burden in a manner lying upon them, both as to defeating the Enemy, and protecting their Allies, they shew'd by what necessary and almost

most unavoidable Steps the chief Power was devolv'd upon them; *That having receiv'd that Power as the Reward of their Virtue, they thought themselves oblig'd to maintain it; that this was not to be done without some proportionable Force, and yet that they had employ'd no more, than was absolutely necessary in such Cases.* They desir'd the *Lacedemonians* not to entertain any unjust Suspicions of them; and to be very well advis'd before they enter'd upon a War of the last Importance; for that *Whoever should begin with the Athenians, would certainly find them ready to retaliate.* The *Lacedemonians* after a full and open Hearing came to a close Debate among themselves; wherein it was generally agreed, that the Peace was broke, and that the *Athenian* were the Aggressors: The Dispute was, whether they should immediately declare War. *Archidamus* one of their Kings, and a Man of Prudence, and Temper, told 'em, *They were not at this time a Match for Athens; and endeavour'd to dissuade them not so much from the War in general, as from rushing into it thoughtless, and unprovided.* But *Sthenelaidas* one of the *Ephori* urg'd the contrary, *That when once they had receiv'd an Injury, they ought not to deliberate, but forthwith to proceed to Action, and revenge it.* And accordingly War was decreed, and the Confederates made acquainted with their Resolution.

War decreed at Sparta.

Whilst they were making Preparations, wherein they spent almost a Year, the *Lacedemonians*, to make the War appear more specious on their Side, sent several Embassies to expostulate with the *Athenians*. They began with the old Business of *Cylon*; which was le-
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vell'd against *Pericles* their Mortal Enemy, whose Relations by his Mother's Side were said to be tainted with that Pollution. But he charg'd them with the same Guilt in the Death of *Pausanias*, and some of their *Helots*, who had taken Sanctuary in the Temple. Then they requir'd them to raise the Siege of *Potidea*; to permit *Agina* to be govern'd by its own Laws; and to revoke the Decree against the *Megareans*; and insisted so much upon this latter, that they seem'd to lay the whole Stress of the War upon it. Receiving no satisfactory Answer to these Proposals, they made another more general Demand, *That they should set free all the Grecian Cities, which had any Dependance on them.* Which as it was in effect confining their Jurisdiction within their own Walls, they could not expect they would consent to it: However it answer'd their Design, which was only to amuse them, and gain time. The *Athenians* upon this last Message assembled the People, in order to send a peremptory Answer once for all. The Matter was canvass'd long, and with great variety of Opinions; 'till at last it was fix'd by *Pericles*, who oppos'd their Demands with a great deal of Warmth, and Artifice, shewing, *That tho' some of them were not in themselves sufficient Grounds for a War, yet that the Consequence of their Concession even in Trifles, when it was extorted from them with an Air of Command, would be, to have still more impos'd upon them: That as to the Success. they might promise themselves a considerable share from the many different Interests of the Confederates, whereby their Counsels being divided, they would never come*

to any sudden Resolve; and that if they could, yet their want of Money would keep 'em from putting it in Execution. That as to themselves, their Shipping would enable them to give powerful Diversions, by making frequent Descents: And because their Strength consisted chiefly in Islands, having only Attica, that lay open to the Depredations of the Enemy, they could not sustain so great Losses by Land. He concluded with The absolute Necessity there was of a War; and that the more chearfully they undertook it, the easier it would be dispatch'd: That as the greatest Honours had generally accru'd to their State out of the greatest Extremities, this might serve to animate them in its Defence, so as not to transmit it less glorious to their Posterity, than they receiv'd it from their Ancestors. These Reasons were readily assented to by the People; who to give some Colour to their Proceedings, sent a very plausible Answer drawn up by Pericles to this Effect, *That they would open their Ports and Markets to the Megareans, if the Lacedæmonians would allow the Athenians, and their Allies residing in Sparta, the Privileges of their own Subjects: That they would restore the Cities to the same degrees of Liberty, they enjoy'd when the League was made, provided also, that they would do the like to the Cities under their Jurisdiction, and not oblige them to conform to the Model of their Government; and lastly, That they desir'd to adjust these Differences by Treaty, as being unwilling to begin a War, but resolv'd to defend themselves against those that did.*

The more immediate Causes of the Peloponnetian War.

Having mention'd the pretended Grounds of the Quarrel, with the formal Proceedings on both Sides, it may not be amiss to observe, that
Pericles

Pericles was personally interested in promoting this War, insomuch that some have charg'd him as the sole Author of it. 'Tis certain, he was vastly indebted to the State, which had often threaten'd calling him to Account: So that notwithstanding his great Power in the City, he thought it too precarious, to screen him against the continual Clamours about the publick Mony. This private Storm he thought was not to be diverted, but by a publick one; and therefore to take the People off from their Enquiries, and to make his Assistance necessary, he involved them in this War. It is said further, that he took the first Hint of it from his Nephew *Alcibiades*; who seeing him one Day very pensive and melancholy, ask'd him the reason of it. He told him, *He was considering how to make up his Accounts to the State.* You were better consider, replies the Youth, *how to avoid being accountable.* This was undoubtedly a strong Motive with *Pericles* in inflaming the Quarrel, when once it was on foot: But for the War it self, it was what must have broke out of Course about this time, without any particular Incendiary. For the true Cause of it was the Power of *Athens*; and the Seeds of it were laid from the time of the Battel at *Plataa*. That Day so glorious to *Greece*, became fatal to her in the Consequence, by dissolving that Subordination *Athens* bore to *Sparta*, and raising eternal Jealousies betwixt the two States. *Athens* find with the Success of the Battels against the *Persian*, the chief Honour of which she took to her self, first stood upon Equality with *Lacedæmon*, and then carry'd her Pretensions a great deal higher. She soon affected a Pre-
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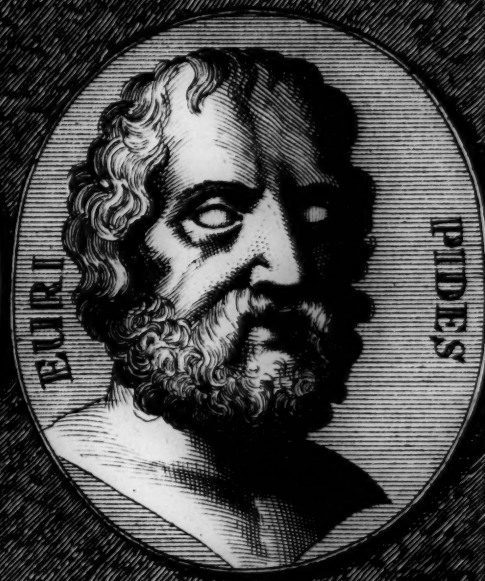
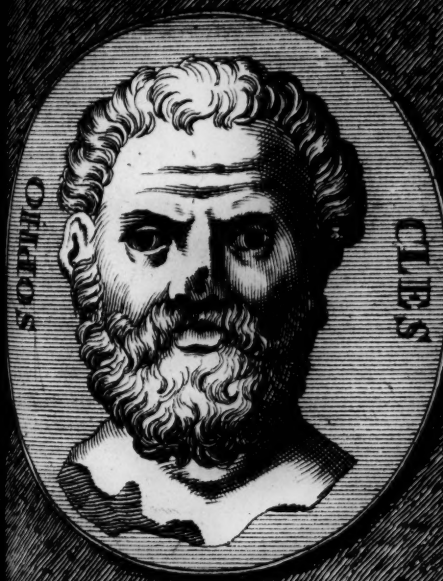
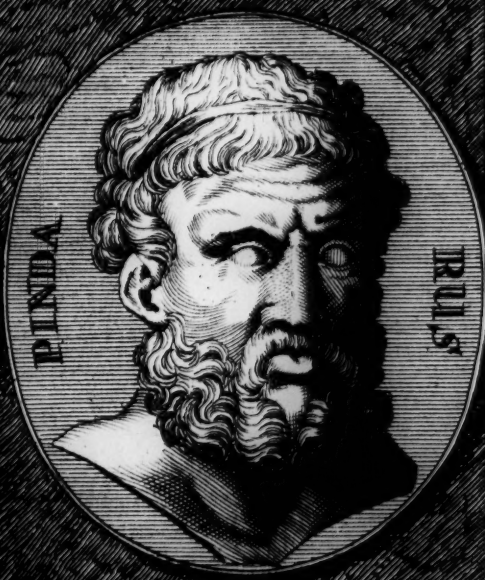
cedency; drew over to her Side the greatest part of the Allies; debated, and decided whatever concern'd the general Welfare; assum'd to her self the Prerogative of Rewards and Punishments; and in a word, set up for the *Sovereign Umpire of Greece*. The *Athenians* had indeed a very fair Title to the Command at Sea; and *Sparta* was not very unwilling to resign it to them: But they would be absolute in all. They thought, since they had deliver'd *Greece* from the Insults of the *Barbarians*, they had a Right to oppress her in their Turn. They roughly treated the *Grecian Cities*, of which they call'd themselves the *Protectors*. If a Neighbour offended them never so little, he soon felt the Weight of all their Anger; whence grew that Proverb recited by *Aristotle*, *An Athenian Neighbourhood*. They render'd themselves odious not only to their Neighbours, but also to part of *Thrace*, and the Isles of the *Aegean Sea*, which were subject to their Laws, but impatiently bore that Yoke, which grew every Day more insupportable. Thus did *Athens* manage her self for above forty Years: All which time the *Spartans* made but faint Attempts to humble, or repress their Rivals. Their Method, when any injur'd State appeal'd to them, was to refer 'em to *Athens*, that by engaging her in the Quarrel, they might weaken, and dissolve her Power, and yet not at their own Expence. But the Effect was so far from answering what they propos'd, that it serv'd rather to fix and heighten her Esteem. *Pericles* made the City still more formidable to the other Common-wealths, by the several Embassies he caus'd it to depute, either upon its real or pretended

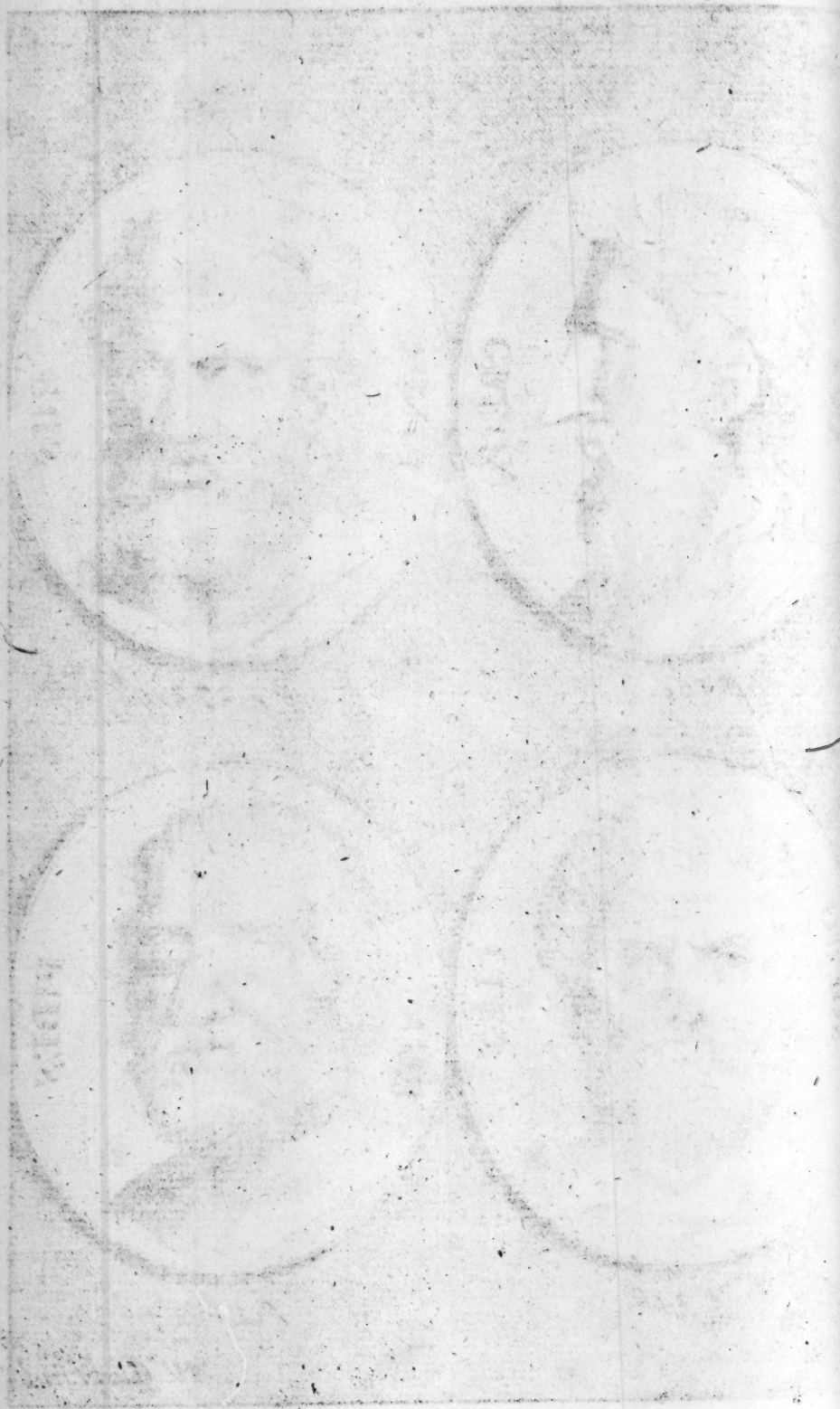
tended Interests; and improv'd these Negotiations into a great Design of summoning all Greece to Athens, in order to enter into a more strict Confederacy against the Persian. Which was such a distinguishing Mark of Pre-eminence, as the Athenians had never before assum'd to themselves: And the Lacedamonians could not but resent it, when they found they were to be conven'd before them, like the rest of their Tributaries. Whatever they had hitherto conniv'd at, they did not care to testify their Submission, and Dependance in so solemn a Manner: And tho' the thing did not take Effect, it serv'd however to awaken them into a Sense of the Necessity there was, of putting a Stop to their Career. So that upon this, and the repeated Complaints of several Cities, they found there was no way left, but to make a formal Declaration of War. In a word the two States were thoroughly exasperated by a long Emulation; and as they were both arriv'd to their most flourishing Period, this was a Dispute betwixt 'em for the Empire of Greece, the Pretence for which was, *preserving the Ballance, and protecting their Confederates.*

About the time of these Commotions, flourish'd Meton the Astronomer of Athens; who Meton: found out that notable Period of nineteen Years, in which Space all the different Mutations of the Sun and Moon are compleated, and they begin again to move from the same Point of the Zodiack. This became a Standard among the Ancients in calculating the Full and New Moons; and the Discovery was receiv'd with such Applause by the Athenians, that they would have it writ in Golden Letters in the most publick

Pindar.

publick Place of the City. From hence came the Title of the *Golden Number*; which was handed down from the *Grecians* to the *Romans*, and from them to us *Christians*. But some will not allow *Meton* to have been the Author of this *Cycle*: *Livy* particularly attributes the Invention of it to *Numa Pompilius*. It was also about this time that *Pindar* dy'd, who was born at *Thebes* about the sixty fourth *Olympiad*. The manner of his Death is related, that having pray'd to the Gods to give him the most desirable thing in Life, he dy'd suddenly, leaning his Head upon a Boy that he lov'd. His Writings have given us a Standard of the greatest Elevation and Transport, to which it is possible for Poetry to be advanc'd. There is something so vast in his Designs, so strong, and lively in his Thoughts, and so pompous and daring in his Expressions, and Measures, that it requires scarce less Attention to read him, than to imitate others. For which Reasons his Muse has been censur'd as too unbridled and irregular. But the Design of an *Ode* being not so much to inform our Judgment, as to raise our Fancy, this *Irregularity* is not the least of his *Beauties*. It is agreeable to the Rapture the Poet feels; his Spirits are too much in a Ferment, and his Fancy too much upon the Wing, to stay for Words to express himself Methodically. It is the boldest sort of Painting; he gives a masterly Touch here and there, and takes the Likeness of his *Hero* in general, tho' he does not finish the Features. Thus it is, that he has triumph'd over Art so successfully, as to gain the Title of a perfect *Master of the Sublime*, and *Prince of the Lyrick Poets*.
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It can be no Disadvantage to his Character, to mention his Contemporary *Bacchylides*, since in Comparison of him, he deserves no higher a Title than the *Crow*, as *Pindar* calls him, when he makes himself the *Eagle* soaring above him.

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From the Beginning of the Peloponnesian War, to the Peace concluded between the Athenians, and Lacedæmonians for fifty Years.

Containing the Space of 10 Years.

I. **T**HE *Athenians* receiving no Answer to their last Proposals, thought of nothing but War; which accordingly broke out with the surprising of *Platea* by three hundred *Thebans*, who were let in by a Party of the Town, that join'd in the Conspiracy, to bring it over to the common Interest of *Bæotia*. But the generality of the Townsmen, who were well affected to the *Athenians*, made head against them, and by the Advantage of the Night so over-power'd them, that being unable to defend what they had taken, they were put to the Sword. The *Athenians* sent a Party to the Relief of the Town; which being recover'd before

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fore they came, they were left in it as a Garrison. This Action happen'd in the fifteenth Year of the Peace, being the first of the eighty seventh *Olympiad*, and the 3572 Year of the World.

The Alliances on both Sides.

Thus the League being manifestly dissolv'd, both Sides employ'd their utmost Diligence in strengthening their Alliances. The *Lacedaemonians* secur'd all *Peloponnesus*, except the *Argives* and *Achaans* who stood Neuter; tho' amongst these latter, *Pellene* declar'd for them in the Beginning, and the rest came in afterwards. They had also without the *Isthmus*, the *Megaraeans*, *Phocians*, *Locrians*, *Boeotians*, *Ambraciots*, *Leucadians*, and *Anactorians*: All which were allotted their several Proportions, some of Horse, others of Foot, and the rest of Shipping, of which they propos'd to have five hundred Sail, besides what they could procure out of *Italy*, and *Sicily*. On the *Athenians* side were the *Chians*, *Lesbians*, *Plateans*, *Messenians* inhabiting *Naupactus*, most of the *Acar-nanians*, with the *Corcyraans*, and *Zacynthians*, besides great Part of the *Asiatick Grecians*, particularly those on the Sea-Coast, several Towns of *Thrace*, with most of the lesser Islands, and tributary Cities in general. Of these *Chios*, *Lesbos*, and *Corcyra* furnish'd Shipping, the rest Men, and Money. So eager were both Sides in the Prosecution of the War, that they had Recourse to the *Barbarians* for Assistance against each other, and sent severally as Suppliants to the King of *Persia*, against whom they were so lately united. Thus was all *Greece* in a manner drawn into the Quarrel, and divided as the States were differently affected: Of which the greatest Part embrac'd the

the *Lacedæmonian* Interest, as the Cause of Justice, and Liberty; the rest being detain'd by the *Athenians* more out of Fear, than Affection. But whatever the latter wanted in Numbers, was sufficiently made up to them in Money, Shipping, and all necessary Provisions, and in the absolute Power, they had over their Confederates.

The *Lacedæmonians* after the Business of *Plataea*, publish'd their Intentions of invading *Attica*; in order to which two Thirds of the Confederate Cities, making up sixty thousand Men, met at the *Isthmus*: Where *Archidamus*, as General of the Expedition, told them, *The Eyes and Hearts of all Greece were upon them; that whatever they might reasonably promise themselves from their Numbers, they ought not only to allow Room for Accidents, but to consider further how powerful, and desperate an Enemy they had to deal with; That tho' it was generally a Maxim to push on boldly in an Enemies Country; yet they should proceed here with more than ordinary Caution, and guard every one his respective Post.* Thus having prepar'd his Men, he sent once more to the *Athenians*, to see if they would abate any thing of their former Obstinacy. But they resolv'd not to treat with the Enemy in this threatening Posture: So that the Messenger was dismiss'd without hearing, and said at his Departure, *From this Day may Greece date her Miseries.* *Pericles* had a Notion, that *Archidamus* out of Respect to him (as indeed there was something of a Friendship founded upon the Right of Hospitality betwixt them) would spare his Lands, in the general Havock he would make

of every thing else in the Country; and thinking it would rather do him an Injury, in laying him open to the Suspicion and Ill-will of his Fellow-Citizens, he declar'd to them, *That if the Enemy forbore his Estate, he would give it to the Publick.* He also order'd those who were dispers'd in the Villages, to retire with their Effects into the City, as the only Place of Security; and encourag'd them by a long Detail of their Provisions; as *That they had six hundred Talents yearly Tribute, besides other Revenues; that they had yet left in the Castle six thousand Talents, besides great Quantities of Mony and Plate belonging to the Temples, which they might use in Cases of Extremity, provided they made Restitution when the War was over: That they had between thirty and forty Thousand Men, three hundred Gallies, and other Necessaries, which if rightly apply'd, would easily make them Superior.* The People were so well satisfy'd with this Account of their Affairs, that they immediately set to rigging out their Fleet, and summoning the Confederates.

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The Peloponnesians
invade Attica.

But whilst they were making these necessary Preparations, the *Peloponnesian* Army enter'd *Attica* by *Oenoe* the first Frontier Garrison towards *Bæotia*; from whence *Archidamus*, after a fruitless Attempt to Storm the Place, was forc'd to march further into the Country. For he was charg'd with having been too remiss from the Beginning; and particularly that by this last Delay, he had given the People of *Attica* Time to gather themselves into a Body, who otherwise must have fell into their Hands. So that whether he was a Favourer of the *Athenians* or no, it was not doubted, but he pro-

tracted his March, in Hopes they would y t come to some sort of Terms. But hearing nothing from them, he came and posted himself at *Acharna* the greatest Borough-Town in *Attica*, and but seven Miles from *Athens*. The Alarm was no sooner got into the City, but the People were ready to mutiny against *Pericles*, for not leading them into the Field. He thought it by no Means adviseable; and therefore would not so much as convene them, least the Surprise should make them resolve upon any thing that was rash, or extravagant: In-
somuch that *Cleon*, who was endeavouring to supplant him in his Interest with the People, reproach'd him with downright Cowardise. He chose rather to put up every thing, than to venture a Sally: But to shew, that he did not neglect his Charge, he shut up the City Gates; plac'd sufficient Guards at all the Posts about it; sent out Parties of Horse to keep the Enemy at a Distance, one of which in a Skirmish with the *Bæotians* was repuls'd with Loss; and at the same time order'd out a hundred Gallies, to infest the Coasts of *Peloponnesus*. *Archidamus* finding his Provisions fail, and that he could not bring the *Athenians* to a Battel, broke up his Camp at *Acharna*, and having ravag'd the Country about it, return'd home; and the rather because the *Athenian* Fleet in Conjunction with the Allies, was likely to make successful Descents. They landed in *Laconia*, and had taken *Methone*, if *Brasidas* a *Spartan* had not thrown himself into the Town with a Supply, and beat them back to their Ships: For which Service he was the first in this War, who receiv'd publick Applause at

Sparta. From thence coasting along, they put in at *Elis*, where they harass'd the Country, plunder'd *Pheia*, and defeated those who oppos'd them. About the same Time another Squadron of Thirty Gallies, which was sent as a Guard to *Eubœa*, had the like Success against the *Locri Opuntii*. Upon the Enemies quitting *Attica*, the *Athenians* decreed, that an hundred of the best Gallies, and a thousand Talents should be set apart in Case of an Invasion by Sea; and made it Capital for any Man to motion the diverting either the Ships, or Money to any other Use. They also took Occasion to displace the *Æginetans*, upon Pretence that they principally occasion'd the War: But the Truth is, they found this Island lay very convenient for their Affairs, and wanted it to ease their own City, which was prodigiously over-stock'd with Inhabitants. Then they drew over to their Alliance *Sitacles* King of *Thrace*, and *Perdiccas* of *Macedon*, in Order to proceed with more Vigour in those Parts, especially against *Potidaa*. The Fleet still cruising about, the Forces on board it took several Towns, with the whole Island of *Cephalenia* without Opposition, and return'd home, Thus the *Athenians* being left at Liberty to act offensively by Land as well as Sea, invaded *Megaris* with their whole Force, which made up the greatest Army they ever had together in one Place before. Having laid waste great Part of the Country, they return'd: But constantly every Year made the same IncurSIONs, 'till at last they got into their Hands *Nisæa*, a strong Haven with Walls reaching up to the City of *Megara*.

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Megara. These were the principal Transactions of the first Campaign.

In the Winter were solemniz'd the Funerals *The Funer-
al Solemnities.* of the first slain in the War. The Manner of performing it, was to place the Bodies in Tents three Days before the Funeral, that their Friends might come, and pay their last Respects to them. Upon the fourth Day a Coffin of Cypress was sent, one from every Tribe, to convey the Bones of their own Relations: After which went an empty cover'd Hearse in Memory of those, whose Bodies could not be found. All these accompany'd with the whole Body of the People, were carry'd to the Publick Burying-Place, call'd *Ceramicus*, and there interr'd. The Ceremony was concluded with one Harangue in Praise of them all; which Task was at this Time assign'd to *Pericles*. The main Scope of his Speech, was to infuse Courage into the Living, by celebrating the Memory of the Dead, and setting before their Eyes the Glory of dying for their Country with their Swords in their Hands, especially for a Country so glorious in all Respects, as was then the Common-wealth of *Athens*. And however preposterous it might seem, for him who advis'd the War, to commemorate those who had lost their Lives in it; yet probably never Man succeeded better in it; insomuch that his Discourse upon this Occasion is a Standard in its kind, being look'd upon as one of the most artificial, and florid Pieces of Antiquity. Thus ended the first Year of the *Peloponnesian War*.

In the beginning of the next Summer, *Archidamus* again invaded *Attica*, with the same Number of Men as before: At which Time a

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terrible Plague having travell'd over most Parts of the World, arriv'd at *Athens*, and took off all the Flower of its Armies both at Home and Abroad. It seiz'd them with such Violence, that they tumbled down one upon another, as they pass'd along the Streets. It was also attended with such uncommon Exhalations of Venom, and Putrefaction, that the very Beasts and Birds of Prey would not touch those who dy'd of it: And in many of those who recover'd, it left such a Tincture of its Malignancy, that it struck upon their Senses; it effac'd the Notices and Memory of all the Passages of their Lives, and they knew neither themselves, nor their nearest Relations, The Circumstances of this Disease are describ'd at large by *Thucydides*, who was sick of it himself: And he observes among other Effects of it, that it introduc'd into the City a more licentious Way of Living. For the People at first had Recourse to their Gods, to avert that Judgment: But finding they were all alike infected, whether they worshipp'd them or not, and that it was generally Mortal, they abandon'd themselves at once to Despair, and Riot. For since they held their Lives but, as it were, by the Day, they were resolv'd to make the most of their Time, and Mony. The Cause of it was generally imputed to *Pericles*, who by drawing such Numbers into the City, was thought to have corrupted the very Air. Yet tho' this was raging within, and the Enemy wasting the Country without, he was still of the same Mind as before, that they ought not to put all their Hopes upon the Issue of a Battel. In the mean while he put to Sea with an hundred Gallies, and four thousand Foot,

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and three hundred Horse on board them; and being join'd by fifty Sail from *Chios*, and *Lefbos*, made an Attempt upon *Epidaurus*, but miscarry'd: And having committed what Spoil he could upon the Coasts of *Peloponnesus*, return'd home. However this prov'd a Diversion to the *Peloponnesians*, who partly to defend their Territories, and partly for Fear of the Infection, quitted *Attica* after almost forty Days Incursion, The Forces employ'd by *Pericles* were now sent into *Thrace*; But the Plague swept off so many of them before *Potidea*, that they did nothing considerable.

These fruitless Expeditions serv'd to incense, and terrifie the People; who being almost crush'd with the Sword, Pestilence, and Depredations all at a Time, began to clamour violently against *Pericles*, as the sole Author of all their Calamities; and in the mean while sent to make Overtures at *Sparta*, but they were not accepted. *Pericles* finding them thus dispirited, assembled them, in order to encourage them to the War, by justifying his own Management. But his Harangue to them, howsoever forcible by those masterly, and engaging Strokes he gave it, had little Effect upon their Minds, who were sensible of nothing but their Misfortunes. So that they Fin'd him in a great Sum, and took away his Command: But finding no Body fit to succeed him in so weighty a Charge, they soon restor'd him. *Pericles in Disgrace.*

The same Summer *Cnemus* the *Spartan* Admiral put to Sea with an hundred Gallies, and made a Descent upon *Zacynthus*: But the Inhabitants continuing firm to the *Athenian* Interest, he only ravag'd the Island, and return'd.
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After which *Aristeus* the *Corinthian*, and some *Lacedamonians* intending a Voyage to *Persia*, to procure Mony of the King towards carrying on the War, went by the way to *Sitalces* King of *Thrace*, solliciting him to break with the *Athenians*, and march with his Army to the Relief of *Potidea*. But the *Athenian* Ambassadors prevailing with the King to deliver them up, they were sent from thence to *Athens*, and thrown into deep Pits without any Form of Justice. This was said to be done in Return to the *Lacedamonians*, who had given the like Treatment to some *Athenian* Merchants taken off of *Peloponnesus*: But the Design was laid more particularly against *Aristeus*, who was charg'd as the Author of all the Commotions in *Thrace*. This Winter *Potidea* was surrendred; and tho' the Garrison was reduc'd to that Extremity for want of Provisions, that they eat one another, yet they obtain'd such tolerable Terms, that the *Athenians*, who commanded there, were question'd for not making them Prisoners at Discretion. The *Athenians* planted a Colony of their own in that City, after the Siege of it had stood them in two thousand Talents. This Action concluded the second Year of the War.

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II. The *Peloponnesians* open'd the third Campaign with an Attempt upon *Plataea*; whose Inhabitants sent to Expostulate with them, urging the Privileges granted to them by *Pausanias*, when he defeated the *Persians* in their Territory. But they could obtain nothing more than a Suspension of Arms, 'till they could send an Account of their Affairs to *Athens*; from whence

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whence they receiv'd such firm Assurances of being reliev'd, that they sent Word to *Archidamus*, *They were ready to undergo the last Extremity of War, since to renounce their Confederacy with Athens, was what they never could consent to.* Upon which *Archidamus* invested *Plataea* ^{be-} the City, and rais'd an *Agger* or Mount, to ^{sieg'd.} command the Walls. The *Plataeans* rais'd their Wall in Proportion; and at the same Time by an Hole at the Bottom, drew great Quantities of Earth from the Mount: Which being discover'd, they improv'd the Stratagem by carrying a Mine to it from the Town; so that still as the Wall was heighten'd, the Mount sunk; and for their further Security, they run up another Wall within. The *Peloponnesians* apply'd their Engines of Battery to the Walls: But the Defendants had several Contrivances by Beams let down with Ropes, to evade the Force of them. So that this Method also proving ineffectual, they had Recourse to Fire; and by throwing in vast Quantities of Fagots, with Brimstone, Pitch, and such like combustible Matter, they burnt great Part of the Town. But the Flame being at last extinguish'd, they were forc'd to make a formal Siege of it: In order to which they inclos'd the City with a Wall, which was fenced with a Ditch on each Side. But it being late in the Year, they drew off the Main of their Army, leaving only the *Æotians* with some others, to maintain their Works, and keep the City block'd up. This is the first Description we meet with of any Thing like a regular Siege among the *Grecians*; those which had hitherto been carry'd on, being very artless, and consequently tedious,
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and expensive. Their common Method, when they endeavour'd to possess themselves of a Town, was to attempt it by Storm, surrounding it with their whole Army, and attacking it in all Quarters at once; and if this prov'd ineffectual, they either desisted from the Enterprize, or only renew'd the Assault after the same rude Manner. Not but they had a Notion in the *Trojan*, and *Theban* Wars of something like the *Battering-Ram*, *Scaling-Ladders*, and other Engines; the Invention whereof they very probably deriv'd with the rest of their Knowledge from the *Eastern* Countries, where they seem to have been understood even in *Moses's* Time, and made Use of by several of the *Jewish* Kings. And if they did not receive the same Improvement in *Greece*, proportionably to their other Military Discipline, it may be attributed chiefly to the Aversion the *Lacedaemonians* express'd to this Way of Conquering, as not agreeable to their Notions of a generous Valour, which they made to consist only in pitch'd Battels. But when they found the other *Grecian* Cities would not follow their Example, of leaving themselves open to all Invaders without the Defence of Walls, they were better convinc'd of the Inconveniences, into which their Ignorance in Sieges was likely to betray them, and apply'd themselves to this necessary part of the Service, in order to put them upon a more equal Foot with their Neighbours. So that from the time of this War we may date the Art of Fortifying, and Attacking.

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During this Siege, the *Athenians* were engag'd with the *Chalcideans* of *Thrace*, and the *Bottiaens* of *Macedon*: But they being reliev'd from *Olynthus*, and other Places, fought them, and overcame them, compelling them to retire with their broken Forces to *Potidaea*, and from thence home to *Athens*. However this Disgrace was soon reveng'd at Sea by *Phormio* the *Athenian* Admiral; who lying before *Naupactus*, fell in with forty seven *Peloponnesian* Sail, with Land Forces on board them bound upon an Expedition against the *Acarnanians*, took twelve, and dispers'd the rest. The *Peloponnesians* having made great Preparations, ventur'd upon another Engagement; but by Confusion, and Mismanagement, the Advantage was again on the *Athenians* Side. Before the Fleets were laid up, *Cnemus*, *Brasidas*, and the other *Peloponnesian* Admirals resolv'd to make an Attempt upon the *Piræus*, which was very slightly guarded, because the *Athenians* being Lords of the Sea, were under no Apprehensions on that Side. In order to their Design, they went over Land to *Megara*, and at *Nisæa* the Port-Town launch'd forty Ships: But their Hearts failing them as to the Enterprize of the *Piræus*, and the Wind withal being contrary, they contented themselves with falling upon three Guard-Ships, that lay at *Budorus* a Promontory of *Salamis*: Having taken them, they enter'd *Salamis*, and plunder'd great Part of the Island. The *Athenians* discover'd the Beacons on Fire; and this put them into a greater Consternation, than any thing that had happen'd during the War: But when the *Peloponnesians* found they had taken the Alarm, they retreated.

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In the Beginning of this Winter, *Sitalces* King of *Thrace* made War against *Perdiccas* King of *Macedon*, and wasted his Country, with an Army of an hundred and fifty thousand Men. The *Macedonians* were forc'd to shelter themselves within their Towns; and this numerous Army struck such a Terror into the other Neighbouring Nations, that the *Grecians* themselves were afraid, they had call'd in such a Confederate, as was likely to become their Master. *Phormio* the *Athenian* Admiral having settled Affairs in *Acarnania*, return'd Victorious with his Spoils to *Athens*; and thus ended the third Year of the War with various Success on both Sides.

The Death
of Pericles.

The Loss of *Pericles* was none of the least Disgraces, that fell on *Athens* during this Campaign. He dy'd in the sixth Month of the Year of the Plague, as *Plutarch* says; tho' it was after a lingering Manner, more in the Nature of a Consumption. As he was drawing on, his Friends, who sat by him, and thought him not sensible, were engag'd in a Discourse about his Virtue, and Authority, and the Number of his Victories, he having erected no less than nine Trophies as Commander in Chief. He gave great Attention to what pass'd, and made a sudden Reply, *That he wonder'd, they should value him so much upon those Things, which Fortune had made common to him with others, and pass by that which was of far greater Moment, that none of his Fellow-Citizens had ever put on Mourning upon his Account.* And indeed it is very extraordinary, what is recorded of him, that one who was engag'd in such a long Variety of Affairs, and had Men of the

His Character.

the most opposite Tempers to deal with, *should never employ his Power, or gratifie his Passion to any Man's Hurt; or never treat an Enemy otherwise, than as one who in time might become a Friend.* As to the Publick, it redounds particularly to his Glory, that when he had foil'd his Rivals, and got the Power intirely into his Hands, he stopt just there, where others would have been most likely to proceed. But he was certainly of a great and generous Spirit; he acted upon a Principle of Honour, and Equity, and seem'd to value himself more upon leading the People of *Athens* by the Force of his Merit, and Eloquence, than by any thing of Arbitrary Sway: So that that Power, which would otherwise have been branded with the Name of Tyranny, prov'd, as he manag'd it, the mildest, and yet the strongest Support of the Government. In his Military Conduct, however warm he appear'd in advising a War, yet when it came to Action, he was very cautious, and deliberate, not caring to engage, but where he could almost warrant the Success. And this turn'd very much to his Reputation, being interpreted as his Tenderness of exposing his Fellow-Citizens; to whom he would often say, *That he for his Part would do what he could, to make them Immortal.* At another time, when he had much ado to restrain them from Action, he told them, *They must not expect, that Men, like Trees, when they were cut off, would shoot up again.* In short, his Experience had taught him to depend more upon Conduct, and Stratagem, than an hardy Valour. And tho' he had often been engag'd in War, he made it chiefly subservient to his other Designs,

signs, chusing it, not so much to make the *Athenians* terrible abroad, as great at home. His principal Care, and Study, was to sit and direct at the Helm; wherein he succeeded so well, that he held the Administration for forty Years; and that in the most flourishing time of the Common-wealth. This long uncontrollable Sway of his, is to be attributed to nothing more, than to his *Art of Speaking*; by which, like a rapid Stream, he bore down every thing that oppos'd him, and triumph'd over the Peoples Passions, and Affections, which *Plutarch* calls the *Stops*, and *Keys* of the Soul, and which at that time in *Athens*, requir'd an extraordinary skilful Hand to touch them. Not but the Force of his Language was also supported by the Opinion the People had of his Integrity. That he was above all Considerations of Mony, appears in nothing more, than that he made no Addition to his private Estate: And tho' he took upon him to dispose of prodigious Sums of the publick Mony, he laid it out chiefly to the Advantage, and Ornament of the State; and whilst he kept it circulating, did not drain the Channel, tho' he diverted the Course. We may form a great *Idea* of him even from the Censure of those, who seem to bear hardest upon him; *That the main of his Character agreed with that of Pisistratus, only with this Difference, that he maintain'd his Tyranny with Arms, but Pericles without them.* The Loss of this great Man appear'd every Day more considerable, when his Successors, who were for the most part equal in Merit, and Rivals in Dignity, wanting sufficient Power to rein up the People, with an absolute Hand, were oblig'd to manage them

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more remissly, to sooth, and flatter them into Obedience: And thus whilst every one was promoting his own Interest, the Care of the Publick was suspended.

About Harvest time the *Peloponnesians* invaded *Attica* a third Time; but having done little more than destroy'd the Corn, return'd home. At the time of their Incurſion, all *Lesbos*, except *Methymna*, revolted from the *Athenians*; who thinking what a considerable Accession this would be to the Enemy, pretended at first not to believe it, in hopes by that means to keep the Inhabitants from declaring themselves. But when they found the greatest Part of the Island had thrown themselves into *Mitylene* their Capital, in order to make further Preparations, they mann'd out forty Gallies to surprize them at a Feast in Honour of *Apollo*, where they were to be assembled without the City; which the *Lesbians* having Notice of, prepar'd to receive them; and whilst they were parlying with the *Athenians*, sent to *Lacedamon* for speedy Relief. The *Spartans* referr'd the Ambassadors to the general Meeting of the *Grecians* of the Celebration at this *Olympiad*; where, after the Solemnity was over, they declar'd their good Intentions to the common Cause; intimating, *That they had all along been ill-affected to Athens, and sided with her no otherwise, than in Opposition to the Persian, and in Defence of the common Liberty of Greece:* Which they insinuated with so much Artifice, that they were now easily admitted into the Confederacy, tho' they had been deny'd it in the Beginning of the War. Their Ports being at this time block'd up by the *Athenians*, they

Olym.88.1

Lesbos revolts.

had immediate Supplies decreed them: And another Expedition into *Attica* was resolv'd on; in order to which, the *Spartans* were ready at the *Isthmus*. But their Allies not coming up, and thirty *Athenian* Ships at the same time harassing the Coast of *Peloponnesus*, they were forc'd to return. The *Mitylenians* in the mean while attempted *Methymna*, but miscarry'd; and the *Athenians* to prevent these Excursions, sent fresh Supplies, which block'd them by Land as well as Sea. This Year the *Athenians* set out the greatest Fleet they ever had at Sea; which with the Soldiers Pay, so exhausted the publick Treasure, that besides the usual Tribute exacted from the Confederates, they were forc'd to Assess themselves. In the Winter scarce any thing of Moment happen'd, except that the *Plateans* having been besieg'd all this while, and extreemly press'd for want of Provisions, above two hundred of them prepar'd Ladders, proportioning their Length by the Number, and Breadth of the Bricks in the Enemy's Wall, and passing their Works by favour of a stormy Night, escap'd to *Athens*.

Olym. 88. 2

Early in the Spring the *Peloponnesians* fell again into *Attica*, under the Conduct of *Cleomenes* Uncle and Guardian to *Pausanias* the young *Spartan* King, and destroy'd every thing that had escap'd them in their former Incursions. *Alcidas* at the same time went with forty Gallies to the Relief of *Mitylene*: But before he could arrive, the *Lesbians* despairing of Succours, and distress'd for Want of Provisions, *Salathus* the *Spartan* Governor, who had hitherto kept them disarm'd, now gave them Arms with an Intent to make a Sally. But instead

instead of that, they threaten'd, that unless they who had Corn, would bring it out and divide it, they would make their Composition, and deliver up the Place to the Enemy. The Magistrates finding that they would not be controul'd, and fearing least they themselves should be excluded, did by a general Consent treat with *Paches* the *Athenian* General, and surrender'd at Discretion. The Authors of the Revolt expecting no Mercy from the Conquerors, fled to the Altars; from whence they were taken, and convey'd to *Tenedos* 'till further Orders. *Paches* in the mean while took in several other little Places; and then sent the Prisoners to *Athens*, where they were put to Death, and with them *Salathus*, tho' among other Offers for his Pardon, he promis'd to procure the raising the Siege of *Platea*. Besides the Execution of above a Thousand *Lesbians* at *Athens*, a Decree was made, and sent to *Mitylene* to do Justice on the rest of the Inhabitants, and to make Slaves of the Women, and Children. But the *Athenians* immediately after repenting of their Cruelty, the Matter came again the next Day into Debate: Where *Cleon*, who was grown extremely popular upon the Death of *Pericles*, and was the chief Author of this Decree, still persisted in his Opinion, That it was necessary to make an Example of them. He urg'd, That if they, who were left to the quiet Enjoyment of their own Laws, and Liberty, and being Islanders well provided with Shipping, and therefore safe from any Attempts of the Enemy, were suffer'd to revolt without Punishment, what would not the rest of their Confederates attempt, who

The Lesbians surrender at Discretion.

obey'd them purely by Compulsion, and had Reason to look upon Athens, as no better than a Tyranny erected over them? He told them, That upon whatever Grounds they valu'd their Constitution, they ought not to trifle with their Laws; for that ill ones well observ'd were better than good ones, that were despis'd, or neglected: That a well-meaning, and regular Ignorance was preferable to a disorderly, and inconstant Knowledge: And in short, That nothing was of more dangerous Consequence to a State, than Pity. But Diodotus, who had before oppos'd him in this Affair, prevail'd with the People to countermand their Orders, by sending another Gally to *Mitylene*, which arriv'd just as they were going to be put in Execution. However their Shipping was seiz'd, their Wall's raz'd, and a tenth Part of their Lands being dedicated to their Gods, the rest was divided among the *Athenians*; who instead of their yearly Contribution, rented it out to them again.

Plataea sur-
render'd.

The same Summer *Nicias* the *Athenian* took, and fortify'd *Minoa* an Island over-against *Megara* for the better Security of those Coasts. The *Plateans* at last worn out with a long and vigorous Defence, surrender'd at Discretion; and were kept 'till five Men were deputed from *Sparta* in the Nature of Judges, to proceed against them. But they instead of exhibiting a formal Accusation, only put this single Question to them, *Whether they had done any Service to the Lacedæmonians, and their Confederates during this War?* They avoided answering directly, but urg'd their Services at large, not only as to the Common Cause, but also to the *Lacedæmonians* in particular, when they

they were almost destroy'd by the Earthquake, and the Rebellion of their *Helots*. *That if they did not continue in the Alliance, it was their own Fault, since they first referr'd them to the Athenians, to whom they had ever since been oblig'd in Honour, and Justice to adhere.* They pret's'd their Case with a becoming Gravity, without being arrogant, or dejected: But the *Thebans* turn'd their Arguments so forcibly upon them, that the Judges only repeated the same Question to them severally, *What Service they had done 'em during the War?* And upon their answering, *None*, order'd them to be executed to the Number of two hundred *Plateans*, and twenty five *Athenians*. What the *Lacedemonians* alledg'd to justify their Proceedings, was, that they had propos'd to the *Plateans* in the Beginning of the War to stand Neuter; and that this Offer not being accepted, left them at Liberty to treat them with the utmost Severity. But they seem rather to have gratify'd the *Thebans*, who had a more particular Pique to them: And upon this Account the *Plateans* in their Defence, reproach'd the *Lacedemonians* with sacrificing their Justice, to keep up the Confederacy. *If you measure Justice by your Interests*, said they, *you will give us Reason to believe your Interests are dearer to you, than your Glory.* And indeed it does not appear, that the *Lacedemonians* still kept up to that rigorous Principle of Honour, and Equity, upon which so great a Share of their Merit was founded; but that during the whole Course of this War, they gave way to Passion, and Interest, as much as any of their Neighbours. Besides this severe Sentence, the Women were

also adjudg'd to Slavery, the Lands set to Farm for ten Years to the *Thebans*; and the next Year the City was utterly demolish'd, and lay in Ruins for many Years. This was the Fate of *Platea* after it had been about ninety Years in Alliance with *Athens*; tho' it deserv'd a much milder Treatment, in Regard of that extraordinary Zeal it had express'd against the *Persian*, even to the alienating its Lands to the *Athenians*, because the Oracle had advis'd, *That the memorable Battel of Platea should be fought on Athenian Ground.*

*A great
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The *Peloponnesians* who went to the Relief of *Lesbos*, finding the Island lost beyond Recovery, had Thoughts of securing some Town upon the Coasts of *Asia*, in order to draw *Ionia* over to the Confederacy; or if that Project fail'd, to remove the Seat of the War thither: But it being oppos'd by *Alcidas*, as too hazardous an Undertaking, and *Paches* at the same time being in Pursuit of them, they made the best of their Way home. But before they put into Harbour, hearing of a great Sedition at *Corcyra*, they made thither, in hopes by the Division of the Island, to become Masters of it. They found the Contest got to a great height between the Chief Men, and the Commons; the latter of which having call'd in the *Athenians* to their Assistance, the *Lacedamonians* took part with the Magistracy; and beat the *Corcyraan*, and *Athenian* Navy, but durst not attempt the City, where the People had the better; who being still strengthen'd by the Arrival of sixty Sail more from *Athens*, committed the most horrible Outrages, butchering one another at the Altars, without Distinction

inction of Age, or Quality, Sex, or Blood. The City was one continu'd Scene of Murder; Death was to be seen in all its Shapes; and those who would have stood Neuter, were made a Sacrifice to both Parties. Of all the Factions, and Innovations, which had happen'd in *Greece*, this is the first Instance of things being carry'd to the last Extremity; insomuch that a *Corcyraan Sedition* came to be us'd proverbially. This Example had also a fatal Influence on several other Cities, which upon the slightest Differences between the Nobility and People, were immediately for calling in their respective Patriots, the *Athenians*, and *Lacedaemonians*.

Sicily also at this Time began to be in Commotion, upon a Quarrel between *Syracuse*, and *Leontium*. These two Cities form'd their Confederacies in Order to carry on a vigorous War: And the *Leontines* upon a Pretence of Consanguinity, (they being originally *Ionians*) drew over the *Athenians* to their Party. They were glad to have Footing in the Island upon any Terms, both to hinder the transporting of Corn from thence to *Peloponnesus*, and to see if there were any Possibility of subduing it for themselves. This was what they had an Eye upon in *Pericles's* Time, and what he seems particularly to have caution'd them against, when in advising the *Peloponnesian* War, he grounded their Certainty of Success upon their not endeavouring to extend their Conquests, or grasp at more than they were able to manage. However they sent thither but twenty Gallies, which in Conjunction with ten more from *Rhegium* in *Italy*, harass'd the *Æolian* Islands

Islands near *Sicily*. In the Winter the Plague after some Intermission broke out afresh, and swept away such Multitudes, that the *Athenians* suffer'd more by that, than by the War.

Olym.88.3

III. The *Peloponnesians* began the sixth Campaign with Preparations for another Irruption into *Attica*; but were deterr'd from it by the frequent Earthquakes, which happen'd in those Parts. The *Athenians* at the same time set out two Fleets, one of thirty Sail under *Demosthenes*, to cruise about *Peloponnesus*, the other of sixty, to make a Descent upon the Island *Melos*. *Nicias*, who commanded this latter, did nothing very considerable in *Melos*; from whence he made to the opposite Continent, where being join'd by those which were left in *Athens*, he defeated some straggling Forces in *Bæotia*, and return'd. *Demosthenes* invaded the *Ætolians*, at first with good Success; but they having Intelligence of his March, and being got into a Body to receive him, he was routed, and lost the Flower of his Army. Being afraid to return home before he had done something to cover this Disgrace, he found out an Opportunity of relieving *Naupactus*, which was in great Danger of being taken; and then joining with the *Acarnanians*, defeated the *Ambraciots*, who were abandon'd by their *Peloponnesian* Confederates. This Victory brought him again into Favour, and procur'd a Peace between the *Ambraciots*, and *Acarnanians*.

Olym.88.4

The next Year began, according to Custom, with a Descent into *Attica* under *Agis* the Son of *Archidamus*. The War in *Sicily* being still
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on foot, the *Athenians*, to bring it to an Issue, sent forty Gallies more under *Eurymedon*, and *Sophocles*, with Orders to touch at *Corcyra*, and see if there were yet any Remains of the Sedition. To these was join'd *Demosthenes*, whose Business was to infest the Coasts of *Peloponnesus*. In his Way he open'd his Design of surprising *Pylus*, a ragged Promontory of *Messenia*, with a small barren Island lying before it, and within that a Creek, which was capable of making a very good Harbour. His Collegues not consenting to the Project, it happen'd, that they were forc'd in thither by Strefs of Weather: And the Soldiers of their own Accord, when they saw how advantageously the Place was situated, set to fortifying it with utmost Pylus taken, Diligence, and finish'd their Works in six Days; after which the other Captains proceeding on their Voyage, left *Demosthenes* with five Gallies to secure it. The *Lacedemonians* knowing it to be a Place of too great Importance to be neglected, immediately quitted *Attica*, and drew down their whole Force to recover it; Part of which they threw into *Sphacteria* the Island over-against it. Then they block'd up the Haven, and with the rest assaulted the Fort with great Fury both by Sea, and Land; but were vigorously repuls'd by *Demosthenes*, who having maintain'd his Ground for two and defended. Days, on the third was reliev'd by the Fleet, which put back again upon Notice of his Danger. These Gallies made an Offer of Fight in the open Sea; which not being accepted by the *Peloponnesians*, they rush'd into the Harbour, broke, and sunk many of the Enemy, took five, and forc'd the rest on Shore.

Pylus.

The Lacedæmonians sue for Peace.

Their Proposals rejected.

Pylus being by this Means secur'd, and the *Spartans* in the Island at the same time closely besieg'd, there came in great Numbers of the *Peloponnesians*, and among them some of the *Spartan* Magistrates; who seeing no Possibility of rescuing their Countrymen in the Island, but upon Terms, demanded a Truce in Order to treat of a general Peace at *Athens*; which accordingly was granted upon the Delivery of their Ships to them as a Security, 'till such time as their Ambassadors should return. They being arriv'd at *Athens*, represented to the People, *How much for their Reputation it would be, to grant a Peace at this Time, and to a State, which had so lately the Power both of Peace and War in its own Hands*; and then among other Advantages, gave a hint, *That if there were but a right Understanding between their two Cities, the rest of Greece would fall in of Course, and readily acquiesce under their joint Dominion.* This was such a Concession, as the *Lacedæmonians* had never before consented to, and argu'd their Affairs to be at a very low Ebb, when they were content to forfeit their Title of the *Deliverers of Greece*, only to share in the Tyranny, or rather to assist their Rivals in the Oppression of it. However, *Cleon* finding them so complying, insisted on it as a Preliminary of the Treaty, That those in the Island *Sphaacteria* should be deliver'd up as Prisoners, for whose sake the Treaty it self was set on Foot; and made other such exorbitant Demands, that the *Spartan* Ambassadors could not for Shame accept them. So that they returning without Success, the Truce was expir'd, and the *Peloponnesians* demanded their sixty

sixty Ships, which they had given up to the *Athenian* Captains; who upon a frivolous Pretence, that the Truce was broke, and it being one main Article of it, *That if it were broke in any one Point, it should be void in all*, they kept them as forfeited.

The War being renew'd on both Sides, was carry'd on with great Vigour against *Sphaacteria*; which holding out longer than was expected, the *Athenians* began to repent of their Obstinacy about a Peace. Which as it stuck chiefly upon *Cleon*, he, to pacifie them, undertook to force the Island, which with great Hazard, and Difficulty he effected, killing some, and sending the rest, to the Number of almost three hundred, Prisoners to *Athens*. As this was the rashest Enterprize the *Athenians* had hitherto undertaken, and what *Cleon* would have declin'd, if he could with Honour, so it derogated most from the Character of the *Spartans*, which made every Body expect, they should have fought it out to the last Man. Upon this Occasion, one of the Prisoners was ask'd in an insulting way, *Whether those who were slain, were Valiant Men?* his Answer was, *That an Arrow would be a Thing of great Value, if it knew how to distinguish a Valiant Man from a Coward.*

Sphaacteria
taken by
Cleon.

The *Athenians* kept their Prisoners with a Design to kill them upon the next Invasion of *Attica*: But the *Lacedaemonians* were afterwards so infested on all Sides, that they had enough to do to stand upon the Defensive. *Pylus* was garrison'd by the *Messenians* of *Naupactus*, it being their Native Country: And as they were long profess'd Enemies to *Sparta*, they

they not only annoy'd *Laconia* themselves, but harbour'd all such, as were ill affected to it. Upon which the *Lacedemonians*, tho' they did not fully discover their Fears, sent several Embassies to *Athens* for the Restitution of *Pylus*, and their Men: But the City had yet too flourishing a Prospect, to hearken to any Terms. For besides this Success, the *Athenians* had just defeated a good Body of *Corinthians* in the *Isthmus*.

From *Pylus* the Fleet went forward again to *Corcyra*; and joining with them in the City, forc'd the Exiles, who had retir'd to the Hills, and from thence infest'd the Country, to surrender, and remain Prisoners, 'till Orders came from *Athens* how to dispose of them. But in Case any one of them offer'd to make his Escape, they were all to lose the Benefit of the Treaty. The other *Corcyraans* fearing the *Athenians* would not do Justice on them, secretly encourag'd some to fly; and thus the Conditions being broken, they were all deliver'd up to the *Corcyraans*; by whom some of them were cruelly put to Death by running a sort of *Gantlet* between their Spears; to prevent which, the rest became their own Executioners with Arrows, Ropes, and such other Instruments, as they had at hand. This put a final Period to the Sedition: And from thence the *Athenians* arriving in *Sicily*, whither they were principally bound, prosecuted the War in those Parts, but did not meet with the Success, they promis'd themselves from that Expedition.

The Sediti-
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Glym 89.1

IV. The next Summer the *Athenians* acting offensively, *Nicias* with a good Fleet surpris'd several

several garrison'd Places; among which was *Cythera* an Island of great Importance, and *Thyrea*, the Inhabitants of which latter being the *Aginetans*, whom the *Lacedamonians* had taken under their Protection, were upon account of their long Enmity with *Athens*, most of them put to Death. The *Grecian* Cities in *Sicily* were at this time inclinable to a Peace; which was accordingly concluded at the Persuasion of *Hermocrates* a *Syracusan*, who convinc'd them of the *Athenians* Designs, That they lay hovering about them, rather as Spies than Confederates, and only waited an Opportunity, when their Power should be sufficiently broken by their Divisions, to seize the whole Island. And this Opinion the *Athenians* themselves confirm'd, when finding they had no Pretence to keep their footing in those Parts, they banish'd two of their Admirals, and fin'd a third for not opposing the Treaty. It was indeed alledg'd, that they were bought off: But as nothing was more frequent among the Rivals in the Peoples Favour, than when things went amiss, to accuse one another of Bribery, their Punishment proceeded rather from the Peevishness of the State, which being blown up by a constant Glut of Prosperity, thought no Enterprize too difficult to accomplish, but rather that they lost every thing they did not attempt.

There having been a great Faction in *Megara*, by which several of the Nobility were expell'd, the Citizens to unite against their common Danger from the *Athenians*, who made continual Inroads into their Territory, thought of recalling their Exiles. But some resolv'd rather

A Peace in Sicily.

Stirs at Megara.

rather than they would consent to that, to deliver up the City to the *Athenians*; who accordingly came, but were frustrated in their Design: However they invested *Nisæa* the Port-Town, and took it; and hop'd by that Means to make another more successful Attempt upon the City. *Brasidas* in the mean while, who was levying Forces for an Expedition into *Thrace*, march'd to the Relief of *Megara*, which kept it self Neuter, 'till either the *Lacedemonians*, or *Athenians* got the better; and when the latter declin'd fighting, open'd its Gates to the *Lacedemonians* as Conquerors. Upon this the Outlaws were restor'd, having first taken an Oath not to revive any thing of past Injuries: But when they had got the Power into their Hands, they apprehended an hundred of the Adverse Party, obliging the People to condemn, and put them to Death: And then taking the Government upon them, continu'd it a long time after in the Nature of an *Oligarchy*.

Things being thus settled in *Megara*, *Brasidas* proceeded on his March into *Thrace*, being invited to it by the great Assurances he receiv'd from *Perdiccas* King of *Macedon*, who also on his Part began to be very apprehensive of the Confederacies, the *Athenians* had form'd in those Quarters. As he took his Way through *Thessaly*, he was in great Danger of disputing his Passage, for marching through the Territories of those Princes without Leave first obtain'd. However these Difficulties being pass'd, several Towns of *Thrace* came over to him upon Promise of their Liberty, and being govern'd by their own Laws; the chief of which were

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Acanthus, *Stagirus*, and *Amphipolis*. *Thucydides* the *Historian* march'd to the Relief of the latter; but coming too late for this, threw himself into *Eion*, which otherwise must have been taken the next Day. The taking of *Amphipolis* was of very ill Consequence to the *Athenians*; for by it they were depriv'd not only of their Contribution, but also of great Store of Timber for their Shipping; and thereby a Passage was open'd to the Invasion of their Confederates. *Brasidas* finding the Season too far advanc'd, to push his Conquests in these Parts, spent the rest of the Winter in fortifying the Places he had taken, and in Preparations for the taking of others. He was the chief Man, who put new Life into the Affairs of the *Lacedaemonians*, which before this Expedition were in such a declining Posture, that they were afraid their *Helots* would take advantage from the Losses they had sustain'd abroad, to make some Innovations at home: To prevent which ~~they~~ made Use of a barbarous Stratagem. Proclamation was made, that as many of them, as could give a good Account of their Services done to the State during the War, should be made free: Upon which two thousand of the most forward and active, and consequently the most likely to rebel, put in their Pretensions; and went with Crowns on their Heads in Procession about the Temples, in Order to receive their Freedom; but were soon after made away, tho' after what manner is not recorded. And the State took this Opportunity of sending seven hundred more of them with *Brasidas*.

Two thousand of the
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Whilst these Things were transacting in *Thrace*, the *Athenians* went with their whole Strength both of Citizens, and Strangers into *Bœotia*, being invited thither by a Party of the *Bœotians* themselves, who were endeavouring to change their Government into a *Democracy* after the *Athenian* Model. The *Athenians* fortify'd *Delium* in the Territory of *Tanagra*; which being a thing contrary to the Custom of *Greece*, because that Place was sacred to *Apollo*, the Confederates of the *Bœotians* resented it, and gave them Battel. Whilst both Sides were engag'd with great Obstinacy, *Pacondas* the *Theban* General secretly detach'd a Party of Horse round the Hills; which falling unexpectedly upon the Enemies Rear, put the whole *Athenian* Army to Flight, about a thousand of them being kill'd, with *Hippocrates* their General. *Delium* being still garrison'd, the *Bœotians* sat down before it; and after several fruitless Attempts to recover it, they devis'd an Engine made of a great Yard of a Ship, bor'd through, and plated over with Iron at one End; to which was fix'd a Pot fill'd with Sulphur, and other combustible Matter. This being apply'd to a Part of the Wall, which was cover'd with dry Vines, the Besiegers blew with a huge Pair of Bellows through the Bore of the Yard, and made such a Fire, that it forc'd the Defendants from the Walls, and made a Breach, by which the Enemy enter'd the Town, wherein some were kill'd, and two hundred taken Prisoners.

Olym. 89.2

The Extraordinary Success of the *Athenians* being in some Measure ballanc'd by the Defeats at *Delium*, and other Places in the last Campaign,

paign, inclin'd both Parties to an Accommodation, at least 'till such Time as they could recruit: And accordingly they made a Truce *A Truce* for a Year, in Order to manage a Treaty for a *for a Year.* longer Term. But there being a Contest about two Towns, *Scione*, and *Menda*, which revolted to *Brasidas* after the Truce, the *Athenians* neglecting the War in all other Parts, apply'd themselves wholly to the reducing of these Places; the latter of which they took, and block'd up *Scione*. At which time *Brasidas* being with *Perdiccas*, who made use of him to chastise his Neighbours, deserted him to march to the Relief of these Towns; which so disgusted *Perdiccas*, that he immediately renew'd his League with *Athens*.

The Truce being expir'd, *Cleon* sail'd with *Olym. 89* the *Athenian* Fleet to *Thrace*; where he took *Torone*, and sent seven hundred Prisoners to *Athens*. From thence he appear'd before *Amphipolis*; which was so well secur'd by *Brasidas*, that he was forc'd to decamp. But as he was ordering his Retreat, the *Lacedamonians* sally'd out, and cut him off, with six hundred of his *Cleon and* Men, with the Loss of only seven of their own, *Brasidas* but among them *Brasidas* himself; who liv'd no *kill'd.* longer, than 'till he had News of the Victory.

The *Athenians* having receiv'd so many mortifying Blows one upon the Neck of another, began to think of Peace in good Earnest: To which the Death of these two Generals did not a little contribute. For they had hitherto both oppos'd it, tho' they acted upon quite different Motives; *Cleon* being rash, arrogant, obstinate, *Their Characters* and popular, and rather an Incendiary, than a Patriot, making Use of the War only as a Cloke

for his ill Practices; whereas *Brasidas* had Courage, and Conduct, Moderation, and Integrity; for which he was complimented by several Cities, which came in to him as the *Deliverer* of Greece. He kept up the sinking Reputation of his Country, being the only *Spartan* since *Pausanias*, who appear'd with any establish'd Character among the Confederates; and therefore as one, who seem'd resolv'd to bring the War to an happy Issue, he was honourably interr'd, and had Anniversary Games perform'd in Memory of him. The *Lacedemonians* were glad to treat at this time, while they could do it with Honour. Besides they had nothing more at Heart, than the Imprisonment of their Men taken at *Pylus*, they being the chief of their City: And among other Considerations, it was not the least, that the Truce, which they had made with *Argos* for thirty Years, was just upon expiring. This was a strong, and flourishing City; and tho' it was not of it self a Match for *Sparta*, yet they knew it was far from being contemptible; and that it held too good a Correspondence with its Neighbours, not to make it self capable of giving them a great deal of Uneasiness. The Matter having been canvass'd, and debated most part of the Winter, the *Lacedemonians*, to bring the Treaty to a Conclusion, gave out, that they were resolv'd, as soon as the Season would permit, to fortifie in *Attica*. Upon which the *Athenians* grew more moderate in their Demands; and a Peace was concluded in the tenth Year of the War between the two States, and their Confederates for fifty Years: The chief Articles being, *That the Garrisons should be evacuated, and the Towns,*
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A Peace
concluded
for fifty
Years.

and Prisoners restor'd on both Sides. This was call'd the *Nician Peace*, because *Nicias*, who was just the Reverse of his Rival *Cleon*, was the chief Instrument in it. Besides the tender Concern he always express'd for his Country, he had more particular Ends in it, in securing his Reputation. For no General had been upon more Expeditions than he, or succeeded better; but yet he was sensible, he ow'd more to his good *Genius*, and cautious Management, than to his Personal Merit. For he was naturally diffident, and timorous even to a Degree of Cowardise: But as his good Fortune had hitherto supply'd his want of Courage, and kept it from being detected, he did not care to risque what he had already got, for the hopes of more.

About the beginning of this War, or some *Æschylus*, few Years before it, dy'd *Æschylus* an *Athenian*, from whom we may date the Original of *Tragedy*. For the earlier Essays towards it were no more than a Continu'd Song of the *Chorus*: And the Improvement it receiv'd from *Thespis* in *Solon's* time, was only the Addition of one Person, whose Business it was, to relieve the *Chorus* with the Recital of some illustrious Adventure. *Æschylus* chang'd the *Cart* into a *Theatre*; and divided the *Action* between several *Persons*, whom he dress'd in Habits suitable to the Characters they were to sustain. His Stile is sublime, and pompous, but withal harsh, and obscure: The main End of all his Pieces, is *Terror*; and tho' he has not work'd it up with that *Conduct*, and *Decorum*, which were more artfully observ'd by his Successors, yet

he deserves particular Mention, as the first, who introduc'd on the Stage any thing like a *regular Variety*.

C H A P. VI.

*From the Peace concluded between
the Athenians, and Lacedæmoni-
ans for fifty Years, to the End of
the Peloponnesian War.*

Containing the Space of 17 Years.

A. M. I. **T**HERE was one Clause in the late
3584. Treaty, whereby it was provided,
Olym. 89.4 *That the Athenians, and Lacedæmonians might
alter, or add to it, as they saw Occasion: Which
look'd so Arbitrary, and Designing, that the
Bæotians, and several of the Peloponnesian Allies
would not sign it. Whereupon Nicias, to unite
Athens, and Sparta by a closer Tye, and strike
a Terror into those who stood out, prevail'd
with the two States, besides the Peace, to en-
ter into a League Offensive, and Defensive for
the same Term of fifty Years: Which how-
ever lasted but between seven and eight of them;
and during that time the War was not intirely
interrupted, because the Treaty was never fairly
put in Execution.*

*A League
offensive,
and defen-
sive be-
twixt A-
thens, and
Sparta.*

This stuck chiefly upon the *Lacedæmonians*,
to whom it falling by Lot to make the first Re-
stitution,

stitution, they immediately began with that of Persons, and in Return, receiv'd their Prisoners taken at *Pylus*: And for Places, they endeavour'd it; but the Truth is, they had promis'd more than they were able to perform. They had won more Towns than the *Athenians*; but then they were not such absolute Masters of them. For some they had restor'd to such of their Allies, from whom the *Athenians* had taken them; some, and those the greatest Part, they had set at Liberty upon opening their Gates to them, as their Friends, and Deliverers: And tho' they found Means of making Satisfaction for these, by permitting the *Athenians* to retain others, which they had taken during the War; yet there were others, which they had taken into their Protection, and which having exasperated the *Athenians* by revolting, would not endure to hear of being abandon'd to their old Masters. Of this latter sort was *Amphipolis*, which would not be assign'd over, tho' the *Lacedaemonians* had drawn out their Garrison, and us'd all the Methods in order to it, but downright Force; and this they had promis'd to employ in case of a positive Refusal; and by joining with the *Athenians* to oblige all the Confederates in general to accept of the Peace.

But this cold Performance of Articles made the *Athenians* suspect the Sincerity of their Intentions, and keep what they had in their Hands: And tho' they maintain'd a sort of Correspondence, they were so far from proceeding with Vigour against the discontented Confederates, that they gave them an Opportunity of Uniting against them. The first who pub-

*The rest of
the Confe-
derates dis-
gusted.*

lish'd their Grievances, were the *Corinthians*; who turning all their Anger upon the *Lacedaemonians*, as being deserted by them, apply'd themselves to *Argos* their profess'd Enemy, insinuating, *That their League with Athens, was only a Combination betwixt 'em to enslave the rest of Greece.* There needed not many Arguments with the *Argives*, whose Truce being expir'd, they expected when the *Lacedaemonians* should fall upon them. Besides they were grown rich, and powerful through a long Course of Tranquility, and had conceiv'd such a contemptible Notion of the *Lacedaemonians* since their Defeat at *Pylus*, and their suing for Peace, that they thought this a good Opportunity of wresting the Sovereignty of *Peloponnesus* out of their Hands. Accordingly they deputed twelve of their Citizens with a Commission at large, to make an Alliance with any free Cities of *Greece*, but *Athens*, and *Sparta*. The Gates of *Argos* being open to all the rest, the first that led the Way, was *Mantineia* of *Arcadia*, which had lately thrown off its Dependance upon *Sparta*; and this City was follow'd by several others of *Peloponnesus*. The *Lacedaemonians* perceiving the *Corinthians* to be at the bottom of all these Proceedings, sent their Ambassadors to put a Stop to them. Who after many Remonstrances, charg'd them with Perjury, in case they forsook the Alliance, or did not accept the Treaty upon the Foot it was settled, since it was agreed between 'em, *That what was concluded by a Majority, should be binding to all.* The *Corinthians* turn'd their own Arguments of Reason and Religion upon them, alledging, *That they had not perform'd*

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the Conditions of the Treaty, in not providing better for the Restitution of the Places, they had lost: That they could not desert their Confederates in Thrace, without manifest Breach of a former Oath, which they had taken to protect them; and that as for their League with Argos, they should follow Justice, and the Advice of their Friends. Thus having dismiss'd the Ambassadors, they not only enter'd themselves into Alliance with *Argos*, but endeavour'd to bring in several other States, and practis'd more particularly with the *Thebans*, and *Megareans*: But the different Forms of Government us'd in *Thebes*, and *Argos*, made them incline rather to *Sparta*. Thus was most part of this Year spent in Conferences, and Negotiations on all Sides, in breaking and renewing Treaties and Alliances, without concluding any thing effectually. In the mean while *Athens* and *Sparta* were in a manner left to themselves, being equally jealous of their Neighbours, and dissatisfy'd with each other. The *Athenians* finding the *Lacedemonians* more particularly uneasy about *Pylus*, which was still in their Hands, intimated to them, that they should be repossess'd of it, provided the *Bæotians* would restore *Panactum* to them. Yet the *Bæotians* refus'd to part with it, unless the *Lacedemonians* would make a private League with them: Which they did, tho' they knew it was expressly contrary to that, which they had ratify'd with the *Athenians*; wherein it was provided, *That no Treaty should be made without the joint Consent of them both.* But the *Bæotians*, notwithstanding their Agreement, demolish'd *Panactum*, alledging for their Excuse, that as it stood upon the Confines of *Attica*

and *Bæotia*, it was formerly agreed, that it should not be held by either in particular, but in common to both.

Olym 90.1 The *Lacedæmonians* having broke one Article of their Treaty with the *Athenians*, to enable them to perform another, were shamefully disappointed of their hopes in the *Thebans* about the business of *Panactum*: And all they had to salve the Matter at *Athens*, was, *That the Place was not now in a Condition of harbouring any Enemies to the State.* But the *Athenians* resented it extreamly, as not imagining but what was done, was at least with their Consent, if not at their Instigation. They told 'em plainly, *They had broke the three most material Articles of the Peace, in entering into a separate League with the Bæotians; in demolishing a Town they ought to have restor'd; and lastly, in not forcing their Dependants to make good the rest of the Treaty.*

The Rise
and Character
of
Alcibiades.

When things were thus far advanc'd towards a Rupture, they were easily aggravated both by the present *Ephori* at *Sparta*, who were more inclinable to the War, as also by several of the leading Men at *Athens*. *Nicias* indeed was employ'd as a Mediator on both Sides; but was violently oppos'd by *Alcibiades*, who had too considerable a Share in those Transactions, to be but barely mention'd. His Father was *Clinias*, who fitted out a Gally at his own Charge, and behav'd very well in the Fight at *Artemisium*. He was left young to the Care of his Uncle *Pericles*; under whom he laid the Foundation of that Eminence, to which he afterwards arriv'd. He was naturally subject to great Excesses of Passion in all kinds; but the
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most prevailing was his Ambition: In the Pursuit of which he appear'd bold and generous, and yet somewhat turbulent, and perverse. Of which we may form an Idea, from an Instance of his Childhood: For as he was playing in the Street, a Cart happen'd to come by; and being very intent upon his Sport, he bid the Driver stop: When he found he could not have his Will of the Fellow, but that he still came on, he throws himself along just in the Road, *Now*, says he, *drive on*. His way of living was not only loose and effeminate, but riotous even to Debauchery, and a Contempt of Religion, and the Laws. Not but he could put a Restraint upon himself when his Interest requir'd it; and was such a Master of Disguise, that he could conform himself to any Fashion, or Country. In *Ionia*, he was luxurious, frolick, and lazy; in *Thrace*, he was always drinking, or on Horse-back; and when he was with *Persians*, he exceeded them in Pomp, and Magnificence. He could comply with the severest Discipline, and the strictest Virtue; insomuch that even at *Sparta* he was admir'd, as one laborious, frugal, and reserv'd; and it is remarkable, that of all his Friends, none was more intimate with him than *Socrates*. So that it is not so much from the Inequality of his Manners, as from the different Appearances of them, that Men have form'd so many different Judgments of him. But whatever his Vices were, he was a Man of prodigious Parts, Subtilty, and Address, and had so many Ways of recommending himself, that he appear'd to a greater Advantage, than several others, who acted upon more solid and steady Principles. His Noble Birth,

Birth, and the Glory of his Ancestors; his Riches, which he employ'd in Donatives, publick Shews, and all sorts of Munificence; the Force of his Eloquence, wherein he was easily second to *Pericles*; the Beauty of his Person even to Loveliness, join'd with his extraordinary Courage, and Application to Military Affairs, as they procur'd him a numerous Train of Friends, and Dependants, so they prevail'd with the People in general, to indulge, and give the softest Names to his Excesses: So that what would have been criminal in others, pass'd in him only for the Starts, and Sallies of Youth, and the Effects of good Nature. In short, he had a Charm for every one he convers'd with; and those who abhorr'd his *Practices*, at the same time doted on the *Man*. His first Expedition was against *Potidea*; where being wounded, and hard press'd by the Enemy, *Socrates* threw himself before him, and rescu'd him: And he afterwards did the same for *Socrates* at the Battel of *Delium*. Having got some Reputation in the Army, he was immediately surrounded with a Croud of Flatterers; and as his Vanity all along kept Pace with his Ambition, he was easily perswaded, that as soon as he concern'd himself in publick Affairs, he should not only eclipse the rest of the Generals, and Statesmen, but exceed the Authority, and Reputation of *Pericles* himself. And indeed he soon order'd it so, that he had none but *Nicias*, and *Pheax* to grapple with; the former of which being the older Man, and of a more settled Interest, and Character, especially with those who were weary of the War,

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he thought, if he could any ways undermine him, he should have little more to do.

With this Design he had all along oppos'd the Peace: And observing now, that the *Argives* sought for Protection against the *Lacedaemonians*, he gave them a secret Assurance of a League Offensive and Defensive with *Athens*: And transacting as well in Person, as by Letters with those, who had most Authority amongst the People, he encourag'd them to be under no manner of Apprehensions from *Sparta*, but to apply themselves wholly to the *Athenians*, who, if they would expect but a little while, would repent of the Peace, and soon put an End to it. Accordingly he laid hold of this Juncture, and improv'd the Handle the *Lacedaemonians* had given, to exasperate the People both against them, and *Nicias*. Which had so good an Effect, that every thing seem'd dispos'd for a Treaty with *Argos*: Of which the *Lacedaemonians* being very apprehensive, immediately dispatch'd their Ambassadors to *Athens*; who at first said what seem'd very satisfactory, That they came with full Power to concert all Matters in Difference upon equal Terms. The Council receiv'd their Proposals, and the People was to assemble the next Day, to give them Audience. *Alcibiades* in the mean while fearing, lest this Negotiation would ruin his Designs, has a secret Conference with the Ambassadors, and persuades them under a Colour of Friendship, not to let the People know at first, what full Powers their Commission gave them; but to intimate, That they came only to treat, and make Proposals; for that otherwise, they would grow insolent in their Demands,

His Stratagem to oppose the Peace.

Demands, and extort from them such unreasonable Terms, as they could not with Honour consent to. They were so well satisfy'd of the Prudence, and Sincerity of this Advice, that he drew them from *Nicias*, to rely intirely upon himself: And the next Day, when the People were assembled, and the Ambassadors introduc'd, *Alcibiades* with a very obliging Air demanded of them, *With what Powers they were come?* They made Answer, *That they were not come as Plenipotentiaries.* Upon which he instantly chang'd his Voice, and Countenance, and exclaiming against them as notorious Liars, bid the People take Care, *how they transacted any thing with Men, on whom they could have so little Dependance.* The People dismiss'd the Ambassadors in a Rage; and *Nicias* knowing nothing of the Deceit, was confounded, and in Disgrace. To redeem his Credit, he propos'd being sent once more to *Sparta*: But not being able to gain such Terms there, as the *Athenians* demanded, they immediately upon his Return, struck up a League with the *Argives* for an Hundred Years, including the *Eleans*, and *Mantineans*; which yet did not in Terms cancel that with the *Lacedemonians*, tho' it is plain, that the whole Intent of it was levell'd against them.

*A League
between A-
thens and
Argos.*

*Olym. 90. 2
Alcibiades
declar'd
General.*

II. Upon this new Alliance, *Alcibiades* was declar'd General; and tho' his best Friends could not commend the Method, by which he effected all this; yet it was look'd upon as a great Reach in the Politicks, thus to divide, and shake almost all *Peloponnesus*, and to remove the War so far from the *Athenian* Frontier, that even

even Success would profit the Enemy but little, should they be Conquerors, whereas if they were defeated, *Sparta* it self was hardly safe. The chief Business of this Year, was a War between the *Argives* and *Epidaurians*, begun upon a slight Pretence, that the Latter had refus'd to send a Victim to *Apollo Pythius*, whose Temple belong'd chiefly to the Care of the *Argives*: But the true Design was to secure themselves on that Side from the *Corinthians*. Accordingly they made several Incursions into their Territories, but without any considerable Action: And *Alcibiades*, who march'd to their Assistance, having done little more than shewn himself in *Peloponnesus*, return'd.

The *Lacedamonians* had of late made very faint Efforts to recover their Authority: But finding many of their Confederates already gone off, and the rest wavering, resolv'd to remedy the Evil, before it spread too far; and drawing out their whole Force both of Citizens and Slaves, were join'd by their Allies, and encamp'd almost under the Walls of *Argos*. The *Argives* having Notice of their March, made all possible Preparations, and came out with a full Resolution to fight them. But just as they were going to engage, two of their Officers went over to *Agis* the *Spartan* King and General, and propos'd to him to have the Business made up by a Reference. He immediately closing with the Offer, in Order to it granted them a Truce for four Months, and drew off his Army, the whole Affair being in a manner transacted by these three, without any general Consent, or Knowledge on either Side.

Side. 'The *Peloponnesians*, tho' they durst not disobey their Orders, inveigh'd grievously against *Agis*, for letting such an Advantage slip, as they could never promise to themselves again: For they had actually hemm'd in the Enemy, and that with the best, if not the greatest Army, that ever was brought into the Field. And the *Argives* were so little apprehensive of Danger on their Side, that they were no less incens'd against their Mediators; one of whom they forc'd to the Altars to save his Life, and confiscated his Goods.

Afterwards the *Athenians* came with considerable Recruits, and persuaded the *Argives* to break the Truce, telling them, *It was not good, because made without the Privy of their Confederates.* Upon that they besieg'd *Orchomenus* in *Arcadia*, and took it: At which the *Lacedemonians* were so enrag'd, that imputing it all to *Agis*, they resolv'd to pull down his House, and Fine him; but upon his Promise to do something, that should sufficiently clear his Conduct, they forbore; yet would not suffer him to take the Field again, without assigning him ten of their Citizens, as Council. An Occasion was soon offer'd to wipe off this Stain, by marching to the Relief of *Tegea*. In the Territory of *Mantineia* he gave the *Argives* Battel: And tho' his right Wing was press'd, the main Battel, where he himself commanded, forc'd the Enemy to give Ground; and having by that means got an Opportunity of relieving the rest, he obtain'd a memorable Victory; which yet might have been more compleat, if he would have made the most of it: But it being against the *Spartan* Discipline to continue
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A Battel
at Mantinea, between the
Lacedæmonians,
and Argives.

the Pursuit long, he contented himself with being Master of the Field. However there fell eleven hundred of the Enemy, and only three hundred *Lacedamonians*, with some few of their Confederates. *Agis* by this Battel redeem'd both his own, and his Country's Honour, so far at least, that those Miscarriages, which had pass'd for Cowardise, or Mismanagement, were now generally ascrib'd to Fortune. Upon this, the *Lacedamonians* took the Field again this Year; but rather than venture another Battel, chose to treat with *Argos*; which presently concluded with them first a Peace, and then a League, thereby excluding all its Allies but *Mantineia*, which by reason of its Situation between them both, was oblig'd to declare for *Sparta*. That which facilitated the Treaty, was a Design of some of the *Argives*, to introduce an *Oligarchy*; which by the Assistance of the *Lacedamonians* they establish'd after their Model; and the same Change was effected at *Sicyon*.

But in a few Months after, the Commons *Olym.90.4* at *Argos* took up Arms, and having gain'd some Advantage, *Alcibiades* came in to their Aid, and not only restor'd the *Democracy*, but made them renew their League with *Athens*. He persuaded them further to join their City to the Sea by long Walls, that so he might upon all Occasions relieve them; which were no sooner perfected, but the *Lacedamonians* came with an Army, and demolish'd them.

This Summer *Alcibiades* to keep *Argos* firm, *Olym 91.1* went thither with twenty Gallies; and apprehending about three hundred of those, who were most suspected to be in the *Lacedamonian* Interest,

*Affairs at
Melos.*

Interest, dispers'd them in the neighbouring Islands. After which the *Athenians* resolving, that *Melos* should acknowledge their Sovereignty, as the rest of the Islands did, went with a Fleet against it; and at their Arrival sent their Deputies to expostulate. The *Melians* told them in a long Conference, That whilst they had any Hopes left, it could not be expected, they should throw up that Liberty, which they had maintain'd so successfully for seven hundred Years: That the two disputable Points in War, were Fortune, and Power; for the first of which, they could depend upon the Justice of their Cause, to keep the Gods on their Side; and as for human Assistance, that as they were a Colony and Confederate of the *Lacedæmonians*, they had good Reason to expect it of them from a double Tye of Honour, and Consanguinity: That however, if not to molest the *Athenians*, would answer their Purpose, they were content to stand Neuter. This they insinuated in so artful, and submissive a Manner; and yet with something so noble and ingenuous, that they kept up to the Character of Men, who were willing to preserve their Lives, provided it were not at the Expence of their Honour, and Liberty, and who knew how to employ their Reason well, when their Sword had fail'd them. The Answer of the *Athenians* was full of Insolence, and Contempt, That they did not come to enter into a long Detail, or to Debate, so as to put themselves upon an equal Foot with them: That they could lose no Honour by submitting to such a Power as theirs: That they saw the Danger was at Hand; and the only Question was, Whether they would be preserv'd,

or not. However to give some Colour to their Proceedings, they intimated a Right of Sovereignty over them, which they deriv'd from the time of the *Persian Wars*. Then they ridicul'd the Vanity of their Hopes in depending upon the *Lacedaemonians*, telling them, *That whatever Generosity their Constitution oblig'd them to express, it was generally confin'd to themselves; for that in respect of others, Honour and Justice were but other Names for Will, and Interest; and that this was no where more a Maxim, than at Sparta: That supposing them never so well inclin'd to relieve them, yet it was not in their Power, whilst the Athenians were Masters at Sea: And that in short, since they would not embrace this only Opportunity of preventing their Ruin, they must expect the Consequence.* After this fruitless Intercourse, the *Athenians* began their Works, and were interrupted by two successful Sallies of the *Melians*. But in the Winter, upon the Arrival of Recruits from *Athens*, they surrender'd at Discretion; the Men were put to the Sword, the Women and Children made Slaves, and the Place repopled by a Colony of five hundred *Athenians*. *Peloponnesus* was generally quiet this Year: But the *Athenians*, who lay in *Pylus*, infested *Laconia*, and carry'd in a great deal of Booty; with the *Lacedaemonians* did not care to relent as a manifest Breach of the Peace, but only gave Leave in general to any of their People, to make Reprials in *Attica*.

Upon this little Respite from open War, the *Athenians* turn'd their Thoughts again upon *Sicily*, having the last Year entertain'd Ambassadors from *Egesta*, who demanded their Assist-

Olym. 91.2
Affairs 177
Sicily.

ance against the *Selinuntians*, and *Syracusians*. They promis'd large Supplies of Mony for carrying on the War; and represented, that *Athens* was particularly interest'd in the Quarrel, least *Syracuse* growing absolute at home, should join with the *Peloponnesians* against it. The *Athenians* readily embrac'd so plausible an handle, as the aiding their Confederates: But *Alcibiades* was the Man, who inflam'd this Desire of theirs to the heighth, and prevail'd with them no longer to proceed secretly in their Design, and by Degrees, but to set out a great Fleet, and undertake at once to make themselves Masters of the Island. To this purpose he possess'd the People with great hopes, whilst he himself entertain'd much greater; so that the Conquest of *Sicily*, which was the utmost Bound of their Ambition, was but the Beginning of his. For he dreamt of nothing less than the Conquest of *Carthage*, and *Lybia*; and by the Accession of these, fancy'd himself already Master of *Italy*, and *Peloponnesus*; and seem'd to look upon *Sicily*, as little more than a Magazine for the War. The wiser Sort made a Jest of this Expedition, but durst not declare their Opinion freely, because they found the bulk of the People so taken up with the Thoughts of it, that you might see them, Old and Young, forming themselves into Companies, some drawing the Figure of *Sicily*, others making Charts, and describing the Seas, Harbours, and Places, which this Isle shews opposite to the *African* Shore.

Accordingly they decreed a War under the Conduct of *Alcibiades*, *Nicias*, and *Lamachus*, thinking to temper the Heat of the first, with the Caution, and Experience of the others.

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But *Nicias* would have declin'd the Command, by opposing the thing in general, as no less difficult in it self, than ill-tim'd in respect of the *Lacedæmonians*, who only wanted such an Opportunity, to repair their Losses and Disgrace. He also inveigh'd against *Alcibiades*, as too young and rash for such an Enterprize, and insinuated, *That his chief Aim in promoting it, was to support his own Grandeur and Luxury, at the Expence and Danger of the Publick.* *Alcibiades* urg'd on the contrary, *That they had nothing to fear from the Lacedæmonians, who were brought so low, that he had lately oblig'd them to stake their All upon the Fortune of one Day at Mantinea.* Then for active, and turbulent Spirits, such as were the Athenians, that it was always thought necessary to keep them up to their Discipline, and that they could be no where more profitably employ'd, than against such States, as they had reason to suspect would be their Enemies, and whom in common Policy they ought to begin with first. That therefore the Obstinacy of *Nicias* in opposing it, tended only to Sloth, and Sedition. *Nicias* had no Way left to deter the People from this Enterprize, but by laying before them the great Preparations it would require: But to obviate all Objections of this kind, they declar'd the three Generals absolute, to regulate every thing both at home and abroad, in the manner they should judge most conducive to the Advantage of the State.

There being no further room for a Debate, a great Fleet was rigg'd out of above an hundred and thirty Sail, with five thousand and one hundred Soldiers, and other necessary Pro-

Alcibiades
accus'd of
breaking
the Images
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visions of all kinds, and every way compleat. But just as they were putting to Sea, it hap-
pen'd that most of the Images of *Mercury*
throughout the whole City were defac'd and
broken: Which being look'd upon as ominous
to the Expedition, and suppos'd to be done by
some who were ill-affected to the *Democracy*,
great Rewards were propos'd to any that would
discover the Authors; and after a strict Enqui-
ry, *Alcibiades* was accus'd. The People were
violently incens'd against him: But they
thought fit to let him go on with the *Sicilian*
Voyage, and if there appear'd any Matters a-
gainst him, to call him to an Account after-
wards; tho' he proffer'd to take his Trial im-
mediately upon it, and urg'd it as a very pre-
posterous thing, *To send a Man, who was*
thought obnoxious to the State, with such a Force
under his Command, and not to give him an Op-
portunity of purging himself.

The whole Fleet met at *Corcyra*, and from
thence parted for *Sicily*; but the Generals were
divided in their Opinions, as to the Place where
they should make a Descent. — *Lamachus* was
for making directly to *Syracuse* the Capital:
He urg'd, *That it was as yet unprovided, and*
under the greatest Consternation; that an Army
was always most terrible at the first; before the
Enemy had time to recollect their Spirits, and
make the Danger familiar to them. But the
others Reasons taking Place, it was agreed to
reduce the lesser Cities first; and having de-
tach'd ten Gallies only to take a View of the Si-
tuation and Harbour of *Syracuse*, they landed
with the rest of their Fortes, and surpris'd
Catana.

After

After which *Alcibiades* was sent for home in order to abide his Trial. For his Enemies had taken Occasion from his Absence to attack him more fiercely, and openly; they had drawn up, and aggravated the Information against him, and inferr'd his Guilt as to the Business of the *Mercury's*, from his riotous way of Living, and his having prophan'd the *Mysteries* of *Ceres* and *Proserpine*, at a drunken Meeting, in which piece of Mockery he acted the *Chief Priest*. The Charge fell very heavy upon his Friends and Acquaintance at *Athens*; and being apprehensive that he should meet with the same Treatment, he fled to *Sparta*, having first desir'd Letters of safe Conduct, and assur'd them, *That he would make them amends by his future Services, for all the Mischief he had done them, whilst he was their Enemy.* As he was making his Escape, one, who knew him, ask'd him, *If he durst not trust his native Country?* Yes, says he, *I dare trust her for all other things; but when the Matter concerns my Life, I will not trust my Mother, least she should by Mistake throw in a black Bean instead of a white one.* When afterwards he was told, that the Assembly had pronounc'd Judgment of Death against him, all he said was, *I will make them sensible, that I am yet alive.*

Sicily in the mean while began to take the Alarm; and towards the Winter there happen'd an Action, wherein the *Athenians* having drawn the *Syracusians* out of the Town, kill'd about two hundred and sixty of them and their Confederates, with the Loss of but fifty of their own Men. After which they took up their Winter Quarters at *Catana*, and *Naxos*;

and *Syracuse* sent to solicit the Assistance of *Corinth* and *Sparta*; the former of which easily consented to it, and the *Spartans* were work'd up to it by *Alcibiades*, who also encourag'd them to renew the War at home, and fortifie in *Attica*.

Olym. 91.3
The Siege
of Syra-
cuse.

Lamachus
kill'd.

The next Year the *Athenians* with their whole Force and a fresh Supply of Horse, sail'd to *Syracuse*; where they were very intent upon encamping, and raising their Works in order to invest the Town. This occasion'd several Skirmishes, in one of which *Lamachus* was kill'd. *Gylippus* also arriving about the same time with the *Spartan* Succours, gave *Nicias* some Disturbance; upon which new Levies were made at *Athens*, and *Demosthenes*, and *Eurymedon* join'd in Commission with him. The *Lacedemonians* and *Argives* spent great part of the Year in Irruptions into each others Territories; wherein the latter being assisted by thirty *Athenian* Gallies, gave Occasion to a manifest Breach of the Treaty between *Athens* and *Sparta*. The same Rancour and Jealousie had continu'd betwixt the two States ever since the first Conclusion of it; and as the Matters in Difference had never been fairly adjusted, it was not properly an Intermission of the War, tho' it was carry'd on more secretly, and indirectly. The *Athenians* had given the most Handles for having the War openly renew'd, which the *Lacedemonians* did not think fit to accept, as such; and the reason why they laid hold of this, seems not to have been so much in regard to the Advice of *Alcibiades*, who they knew had a personal Pique to his Countrymen, as to the present Juncture of Affairs, when they

they found them so deeply embroil'd in the War of *Sicily*.

III. The *Lacedaemonians* in pursuance to their Resolutions taken last Year, enter'd *Attica*, and fortify'd *Decelea* a Town of great Importance about a hundred and twenty Furlongs from *Athens*. At the same time the Affairs of the *Athenians* had a very indifferent Aspect before *Syracuse*: Where after an Engagement with the Enemy in their great Haven with various Success, *Gylippus* the *Spartan* surpriz'd *Plemmyrium*, which commanded the Port. Herein the *Athenians* lost a great Sum of Mony, and their Naval Stores, and could not be supply'd with more, but by forcing their Way through the Enemy, who rid at Anchor under the Fort. *Demosthenes* and *Eurymedon* at last arriv'd with seventy three Sail, and five thousand Soldiers, who with the glittering of their Armour, the Flags and Streamers waving in the Air from the Gallies, and variety of Musick, appear'd with all the Pomp and Terror of a victorious Navy. They resolv'd immediately upon their Arrival to attack *Syracuse*; and in the Night set upon a part of the City, call'd *Epipola*, but after a confus'd and dubious Skirmish, were repuls'd. *Demosthenes*, who had advis'd the Fight, was now for quitting the Island; and *Nicias*, who had been most averse to it, was for carrying on the Siege, for fear of being call'd to account, as his Predecessors were for consenting to a Peace in the former Invasion of *Sicily*. Besides he thought his Army in a better Condition than the *Syracusan*, which was almost exhausted by the War, and depended chiefly

Olym.91.4
The Lacedaemonians
fortifie in
Attica.

on Mercenaries, who would desert when Pay fail'd. Another Motive was, that he had hopes from a Party within the Town, of having it betray'd to him. But upon the News of *Gylippus's* coming with Recruits from most Parts of *Sicily*, he was prevail'd upon to decamp: And just as he was ordering his Retreat with all Expedition and Secrecy, there happen'd an Eclipse of the Moon; which was look'd upon as very ominous, and so superstitiously observ'd by him, and the other Generals, that they resolv'd to stay twenty seven Days longer, which was the time appointed by the Soothsayers. In the mean while *Nicias* being intent upon his Sacrifices, the *Syracusians* advanc'd with their Infantry, and Gallies, and the very Boys row'd about in Cock-boats, insulting them, and provoking them to fight. Whereupon a very sharp Engagement ensu'd in the great Haven, wherein *Eurymedon*, and many others were slain. After which the *Syracusians*, to make it a compleat Victory, drew up a Line of Gallies, and with them block'd up the Mouth of the Port, which was eight Furlongs over. The *Athenians* finding no way left, but to break through the *Syracusan* Fleet, resolv'd to try their Fortune once more; and another Fight ensu'd with the greatest Number of Ships, and the most Skill and Discipline on both Sides, but with the greatest Heat and Obstinacy, of any that had yet happen'd. The Victory at last inclin'd to the *Syracusians*; and tho' in this Action they had lost almost an equal number of Vessels, yet the *Athenians* were so disabled, and their Seamen so dejected, that they could not be perswaded to go on board again, tho' they had

A Fight before Syracuse.

Another.

had still more Ships fit for Service, than the Enemy.

In this Extremity they could propose nothing but to march away by Land, and accordingly prepar'd to dislodge the same Night. *Hermocrates* the *Sicilian* General suspecting their Design, propos'd the sending of Forces to possess all the difficult Passes, and cut off their Retreat. But the Soldiers were so transported with their Success, and at the same time celebrating a Feast in honour of *Hercules*, were so taken up with drinking, and other Diversions, that they could by no means be prevail'd with to pursue the Victory. Upon which he sent some to the *Athenian* Camp, to inform them as from a Party of their Friends in *Syracuse*, That the Enemy had lin'd all the Ways, in order to cut them off in their March. This Stratagem obtain'd Credit with the *Athenians*, and they staid three Days longer, in which time *Gylippus* had actually prepar'd to hinder their Retreat. They left their Ships to the Enemy, and broke up in the Night with all the Horror and Confusion imaginable; and being divided into two Bodies, *Demosthenes* was press'd in the Rear, and after a short Dispute surrender'd with his part of the Army, upon promise of their Lives. *Nicias* insisted upon better Terms, and refus'd to submit; 'till being at last over-power'd, he yielded himself up to the Mercy of *Gylippus*, who had a great desire to have sav'd him. *Hermocrates* also seem'd to be of his Opinion, by saying, That it was better to use a Victory well, than to gain one. But being overcome by the Importunity of the Army, he was forc'd to kill him. *Thucydides* says in general of him,

The Athenians de- camp, and are pursu'd with great Slaughter;

Nicias kill'd.
That

That he least deserv'd this severe Treatment of any Man in his time: Tho' by the Accounts we have of him, his Piety, Caution and Experience make up the best part of his Character. Demosthenes underwent the same Fate; *And De-* tho' some say, that both the Generals unwilling to survive this Disgrace, kill'd themselves. The whole Number of those, who decamp'd from *Syracuse*, amounted to no less than forty thousand, of whom the greatest part were kill'd, and dispers'd, and seven thousand were taken Prisoners, and condemn'd to the Quarries; where they were us'd with great Hardship for seventy Days, and were afterwards most of them sold as Slaves.

*The End of
the Sicilian
War.*

Such was the Event of the Siege of *Syracuse*; which the *Athenians* had prosecuted with so much Vigour, that they had drain'd their City of Men and Money; and were therefore reproach'd with having pour'd all Athens into Sicily. But the Rashness of the Enterprize was severely punish'd in the Loss of their best Generals, Fleets, and Armies; all of them being destroy'd, or left at the Mercy of those, whom they had so unseasonably undertaken to subdue. And the Loss was still much greater in regard to the Influence it afterwards had on their Affairs at home. This put an End to the *Sicilian War*, which is to be consider'd chiefly with reference to the *Peloponnesian*: And as it was carry'd on by most of the *Grecian Confederates*, it was properly a Continuation of it, tho' the *Athenians* by their restless Ambition had remov'd the Seat of it, and drew into the Quarrel new Enemies, who were of themselves almost a Match for them at Sea.

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The News of this Defeat was not easily credited at *Athens*; but being at last convinc'd of the Truth, they were under the greatest Consternation, and exclaim'd against their Prophets, and Priests, who by a Religious Pretext had sooth'd them with hopes of conquering *Sicily*, and betray'd them into all these Miseries. However they resolv'd not to sink under them, but to equip a Fleet, in order to support their Allies, who began now to think of throwing off their Yoke: And even those who had stood Neuter, took this Occasion to declare against them. But the *Lacedamonians* being more particularly elevated, resolv'd to prosecute the War with Vigour; and the Winter was spent in Preparations on both Sides.

This Year by the Management of *Alcibiades* a Olym. 92. 1
League was concluded between the King of *Per-* A League
sia, and the *Lacedamonians*; and the principal Ci- between the
ties of *Ionia* revolted from *Athens*. It was at Lacedæ-
this time, that the thousand Talents, which the monians,
Athenians had set apart for Cases of Extremi- and the
ty, was employ'd in Shipping, and other Pro- Persian.
visions. The *Athenians* chas'd twenty *Pelopon-*
nesian Ships into the *Piræus*, and block'd them
up; but the latter watching their Opportunity,
forc'd their Passage, and took four of the *Athe-*
nians. Upon a Descent of the *Athenians* near
Panormus in the *Milesian* Territories, a Fight
ensu'd, in which *Chalcideus* the *Spartan* Com-
mander was kill'd. This Action render'd *Al-* Alcibiades
cibiades suspected to the *Lacedamonians*; inso- suspected at
much that they sent private Orders to *Astyo-* Sparta.
chus their Admiral, to dispatch him. Besides
he had incens'd *Agis* the *Spartan* King against
him, by carrying on an Affair with his Wife.
But

Flies to
Tissapher-
nes.

But the truth is, he began to be envy'd at *Sparta*, because all Affairs of Consequence, which succeeded well, were universally ascrib'd to him. Having secret Intelligence of their Designs against him, he retir'd to *Tissaphernes* the *Persian* King's Lieutenant, and by his Address soon work'd himself into great Repute with him. Thus having quitted the Interests of the *Spartans*, he endeavour'd to do them all ill Offices, and render them odious to *Tissaphernes*. He advis'd him *To furnish them but sparingly with Money; and to keep the Ballance so even betwixt Athens and Sparta, that he might wear them out, and consume them insensibly; and when they had wasted their Strength upon one another, they would both become an easie Prey to his King.* By which means he was hinder'd from assisting them vigorously, and from finally ruining the *Athenians*. At the same time he practis'd with the *Athenians*, whose chief Strength then lay at *Samos*, about his being recall'd; and as a Condition of it, gave them hopes, *That he would make Tissaphernes their Friend; Provided also, that they would reform the Government, which was administer'd by ill Men, and put it into fewer Hands.* The chief Man who oppos'd his Return, was *Phrynichus* one of the Generals, who to compass his Designs, sent word to *Astyochus* the *Lacedaemonian* General, that *Alcibiades* was treating with *Tissaphernes*, to bring him over to the *Athenian* Interest. He offer'd further, to betray to him the whole Army and Navy of the *Athenians*: But his treasonable Practices being all detected by the good Understanding betwixt *Alcibiades*,
and

and *Astyochus*, he was laid aside, and afterwards stabb'd in the Market-place.

This Year began with the Revolt, and Recovery of several Places towards the *Hellepont*. The Treaty was still on foot with *Alcibiades*; and to bring it to an Issue, the *Democracy* was abolish'd in several Cities subject to *Athens*, and soon after in *Athens* it self, way being made for it by the Murder of *Androcles*, and others, who appear'd most violent for the People: So that the Government was now restrain'd to four hundred Men in the Nature of an *Oligarchy*. The manner of effecting this Change, was by ten Men, who for fear of being insulted by the People, obtain'd leave, *That whatever they should propose, might be without danger of incurring any Penalty by the Laws*. He who appear'd chiefly in the Transaction of this Affair, was *Pisander*: But the whole Scheme of it was laid down by *Antiphon*, a Man for his Virtue, and Abilities not inferior to any of his time: For no Man thought juster than he, or express'd his Thoughts better. But finding the People jealous of his Merit, and the Force of his Eloquence, he avoided all Occasions of distinguishing himself in the Assemblies; yet did not desert the Service of his Country, tho' he did not appear in it. For his Advice was generally ask'd, and follow'd, as well in the most important Exigencies of State, as in private Suits in the Courts of Justice. When upon the next Change of the Government he was impeach'd, and try'd for his Life, as being instrumental in it, he made the best Defence of any Man to that Day in *Athens*. The four hundred Men thus authoris'd,

Olym.92.2

Antiphon
his Character.

The Government
of the four
hundred
in Athens.

ris'd, were conducted to the Senate-House with Guards, and Daggers under their Coats, where the Council of five hundred were paid their Arrears of Salary, and dismiss'd. But they soon began to exert their Power very imperiously, imprisoning, banishing, and killing such as they thought obnoxious; and in the mean while sent to treat with *Agis* about a Peace. But he was so far from hearkening to their Proposals, that he took this Occasion to advance towards *Athens*, in hopes the City would surrender under its present Consternation; 'till finding the People obstinate in their Defence, he was forc'd to retire to *Declea*.

Alcibiades
recall'd,
and created
General.

The Army in the mean while, which was at *Samos*, protested against these Proceedings in the City; and at the Persuasion of *Thrasybulus* recall'd *Alcibiades*, and created him General, with full Power to sail directly to the *Piræus*, and crush this new Tyranny. He would not give way to this rash Opinion; but went first to shew himself to *Tissaphernes*, and let him know, That it was now in his Power to treat him as a Friend, or an Enemy: By which means he aw'd the *Athenians* with *Tissaphernes*, and *Tissaphernes* with the *Athenians*. When afterwards the four hundred sent to *Samos* to vindicate their Proceedings, the Army was for putting the Messengers to Death, and persisted in the Design upon the *Piræus*; but *Alcibiades* by opposing it, manifestly sav'd the Common-wealth. For if they had return'd to *Athens*, all *Ionia*, and the *Hellepont* must have fell into the Enemies Hands of Course, while the *Athenians*, engag'd in Civil Wars, destroy'd one another within the Circuit of their own Walls.

Walls. About this time some of the *Lacedæmonian* Confederates mutiny'd for Pay, and had kill'd *Astyochus* their Admiral, if he had not taken Sanctuary: But he was soon after discharg'd from his Command of the Fleet, and succeeded by *Mindarus*. The *Lacedæmonians* had for some time been dissatisfy'd with *Tissaphernes*, who now gave them a fresh Occasion, by detaining a great *Phanician* Fleet, which should have come to their Assistance; the Accession of which to either Party would have enabled them to ravish intirely the Dominion of the Sea from the other Side, and to have put an End to the War. Whatever his Designs were, it was a great piece of Service done to the *Athenians*, and is generally ascrib'd to the Management of *Alcibiades*.

In the mean while the Innovation in *Athens* had occasion'd such Factions, and Tumults, that the four hundred were more intent upon providing for their Safety, than prosecuting the War: In order to which, they fortify'd that Part of the *Piræus*, which commands the Mouth of the Haven, and resolv'd in case of Extremity, rather to let in the *Lacedæmonian*, than expose their Persons to the Fury of their Fellow-Citizens. The *Spartans* took Occasion from these Disturbances to hover about with forty two Gallies under the Conduct of *Hege-sandridas*; and the *Athenians* with thirty six under *Tymochares* were forc'd to engage them, but lost part of their Fleet, and the rest were dispers'd. To add to which, all *Eubæa*, except *Oreus*, revolted to the *Peloponnesians*. This Island had supply'd *Athens* with more Provisions, than *Attica* it self; and lay so convenient

The Athenians worsted at Sea.

venient for the Enemy's forcing the *Pirans*, that the *Athenians* were now under a greater Consternation, than after the Defeat in *Sicily*, having no competent Number of Ships, or Men, and those few Forces, which they had left, being so miserably torn in Factions, that they could propose nothing less than a final Destruction. And this is what must necessarily have ensu'd, if the *Lacedamonians* had not by their Remissness, and Diffidence, especially in Sea-Affairs, given Occasion for spinning out the War.

The Government
of the four
hundred
abolish'd.

The first Step the *Athenians* made to recover this Blow, was to depose the four hundred, and commit the Government to five thousand; which *Thucydides* takes Notice of, as the most equal Poise between the Tyranny of the Few, and the Insolence of the Multitude. *Pisander*, and all the rest of the Oligarchy fled to the Enemy at *Decelea*, except *Aristarchus*, who went with some of the Soldiers to *Oenoe*, and betray'd it to the *Boeotians*. In the next place they furnish'd out as good a Fleet as they were able under the Command of *Thrasyllus*, and *Thrasybulus*, who fell in with *Mindarus* towards the *Hellespont*, and defeated him: And tho' they gain'd this Victory with a proportionable Loss on their Side, yet it was of great Importance, as it serv'd to raise the dejected Spirits of the People, and put new Life into their Affairs. Not long after another Engagement happen'd near *Abydus*; which had lasted from Morning 'till Night, and was still dubious, when *Alcibiades* arriv'd with eighteen Sail, and soon put the Enemy to Flight, altho' *Pharnabazus* was come down to their Assistance by

A Fight
at Cynos-
Sema.

Another
at Abydus.

IV
sians
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by Land, and did what he could to cover the Ships, as they lay under the Shore. The *Athenians* not only recover'd their own Gallies, but took thirty of the Enemies, and erected a Trophy. *Alcibiades* after this Victory, went to visit *Tissaphernes*, who was so far from receiving him as he expected, that he immediately caus'd him to be seiz'd, and sent away Prisoner to *Sardis*, telling him, *He had Orders from the King to make War upon the Athenians*: But the Truth is, he was afraid of being accus'd to his Master by the *Peloponnesians*, and thought by this Act of Injustice, to purge himself from all former Imputations. *Alcibiades* after thirty Days made his Escape to *Clazomena*, and soon after bore down upon the *Peloponnesian* Fleet, which rode at Anchor before the Port of *Cyzicum*. With twenty of his best Ships he broke through the Enemy, pursu'd those who abandon'd their Ships, and fled to Land, and made a great Slaughter of them, among whom fell *Mindarus*. The *Athenians* took all the Enemies Ships, made themselves Masters of *Cyzicum*; and thereby not only secur'd to themselves the *Hellepont*, but forc'd the *Lacedemonians* from out of all the other Seas. They also intercepted Letters to the *Ephori* at *Sparta*, the Contents of which were after the *Laconick* manner; *All is lost: Mindarus is slain: The Soldiers starve; and we know not what Measures to take.*

Another at
Cyzicum.

IV. After the last Defeat of the *Peloponnesians* at Sea, *Agis* made Excursions from *Decelea*, and advanc'd as far as the very Walls of *Athens*. Whereupon *Thrasyus* marching out
Z. with

Olym. 92.3

with the Citizens and Strangers, drew up in *Battalia* with a Resolution to fight him. Which the *Spartan* perceiving, made a speedy Retreat, and had some of his Rear cut off by the Light-arm'd Men. After which *Agis* discovering a Fleet of Corn-Ships running up the *Piræus*, concluded it was in vain for him to spend so much time in blocking up the *Athenians* by Land, while their Ports were open to receive Provisions by Sea. Upon which *Clearchus* was sent out with fifteen Sail; three of which were destroy'd by some *Athenian* Guard-Ships in the *Hellepont*, and the rest got safe to *Byzantium*.

Olym.92.4 *Thrasyllus*, who for his Service last Year, had a Fleet of fifty Gallies decreed him, with a proportionable Number of Soldiers, sail'd to *Samos*; from whence he made to *Colophon*, and took it, made Excursions into *Lydia*, and appear'd before *Ephesus*; but was beat back with Loss by *Tissaphernes*. In his Retreat he discover'd twenty five *Syracusan* Ships, which he chas'd, and took four with the Men in them, whom he sent to *Athens*. Being join'd by the rest of the Fleet at *Sestos*, he transported the whole Army to *Lampsacus*, which they fortify'd, and made an Attempt upon *Abydos*. This occasion'd an hot Skirmish betwixt *Alcibiades* and *Pharnabazus*, wherein the latter was worsted. In the Winter these *Athenian* Forces made several Incursions into the Continent, and wasted the *Persian* Territory.

Olym.93.1 *Alcibiades* open'd this Campaign with the Siege of *Chalcedon*; whose Inhabitants having sent their Corn and Cattle to the *Bithynians* their Neighbours, he drew down his Army to the

the Frontier of the *Bithynians*, and sent a Herald to accuse 'em of this Procedure. They being terrify'd at his Approach, deliver'd to him the whole Booty, and enter'd into an Alliance with him. After which he went on with his Works at *Chalcedon*, encompass'd it with a Wall from Sea to Sea, and made a Boom cross the River. *Hippocrates* the *Lacedæmonian* Governor of the Town, made a Sally, but was kill'd, and his Men repuls'd. *Pharnabazus* also, who advanc'd with his Forces to raise the Siege, could not approach the Town by reason of the *Athenian* Works. The *Athenians* soon after by Force and Stratagem, took in *Selymbria*, *Byzantium*, and other Places.

The Success of these Expeditions inflam'd *Olym. 93.2*
Alcibiades's Desire of seeing his Native Country again, at a time when he could appear with so much Honour. Accordingly being recall'd he set Sail to *Athens*, his Ships being adorn'd on every Side with great Numbers of Shields and other Spoils, and towing after them many Gallies taken from the Enemy, with the Ensigns and Ornaments of many others, which he had sunk and destroy'd; all of them together amounting to two hundred. As soon as he was landed, the Multitude, who came out to meet him, fix'd their Eyes on him, throng'd about him, saluted him with loud Acclamations, and crown'd him with Garlands. They pronounc'd him *The bravest Man of their Country*; declaring, *That in his Sentence of Banishment, he had been barbarously circumvented and traduc'd by Men of less Abilities, and Eloquence than himself, and such as serv'd themselves of the Government: That he had always promoted*

Alcibiades's Reception at Athens.

the Good of the Common-wealth, not only with the publick Stock, but his private Fortune: That being in continual Danger of his Life, he was forc'd to careſs his greateſt Enemies; and tho' he ſaw the Miſcarriages of State, yet was render'd incapable by his Exile, of ſerving his deareſt Friends and Countrymen. Theſe Reflections reviv'd the Memory of their paſt Miſeries, which they imputed wholly to his Abſence, as on the other hand, they aſcrib'd their preſent flouriſhing Condition to his immediate Conduct and Influence. Soon after in an Aſſembly of the Senate and People, he lamented his own Sufferings and their Uſage of him, but touch'd the latter ſo gently and modeſtly, that he imputed all to his hard Fortune, and ſome ill Genius, that attended him. Upon which they created him *Generaliſſimo* both at Land and Sea, as the only Man capable of reſtoring his Country to its ancient Grandeur. They gave him back his Eſtate, and order'd the *Eumolpides*, and *Holy Heralds* to abſolve him from the Curſes, which they had ſolemnly pronounc'd againſt him by Sentence of the People. Which was obey'd by all, but *Theodorus* the High-Prieſt, who excuſ'd himſelf, ſaying, *I never denounc'd any Execration againſt him, if he have done nothing againſt the Common-wealth.* He ſo won upon the meaner ſort of People, that they paſſionately deſir'd he would take the Sovereignty upon him: Some of 'em made no Difficulty to tell him ſo, and adviſe him to put himſelf out of the Reach of Envy, and above the Fear of being call'd to account by thoſe, who were endeavouring to overturn the State. It does not appear that he made Attempts that way;

way; but the chief Men in the City were so apprehensive of it, that they immediately equipp'd out an hundred Gallies with Soldiers on board them, gave him liberty to chuse his own Officers, and did all they could, to hasten him on Ship-board. Accordingly three Months after his Return, he set Sail to *Andros*, and having defeated the Inhabitants, went from thence to *Samos*, intending to make that the Seat of the War.

In the mean while the *Lacedamonians* were resolv'd to exert themselves more vigorously; and finding their Affairs requir'd greater Preparations, and a Commander fit to oppose to *Alcibiades*, they pitch'd upon *Lysander*; who tho' he was related to the Family of the *Heraclidae*, had been bred up under much Hardship, and paid an intire Respect to the Discipline and Manners of his Country. He was brave, and aspiring, and like his Countrymen, sacrific'd all sorts of Pleasure to his Ambition. He had an Evenness and Sedateness of Temper, which made all Conditions of Life sit easie upon him; but withal was extremely insinuating, crafty, and designing, and made his Interest the only Measure of Truth and Falshood. This deceitful Temper was observ'd to run through the whole Course of his Life; upon which Occasion it was said, *That he cheated Children with foul Play, and Men with Perjury*: And it was a Maxim of his own, *That when the Lion fails, we must make Use of the Fox.*

*Lysander
his Character.*

In discharge of this new Office he put to Sea, and leaving the Fleet at *Ephesus*, went from thence to *Cyrus* the young *Persian* Prince at *Sardis*: To whom he exclaim'd against the

He defeats
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nians at
Sea.

Alcibiades
in Disgrace

Treachery of *Tissaphernes*, prevail'd with him to encrease the Seamen's Pay, and having fix'd him intirely in the *Lacedamonian* Interest, return'd to *Ephesus*. *Alcibiades* having Occasion to go from *Samas* to *Phocaea*, left the Care of the Fleet to *Antiochus* his Vice-Admiral, with express Command not to engage, tho' the Enemy should provoke him. But he was so far from observing his Orders, that with two Gallies he presently stood for *Ephesus*, and at the very Mouth of the Harbour, us'd the highest Provocations possible to draw out the Enemy. *Lysander* at first mann'd out a few Ships to give him Chase; upon which the whole *Athenian* Fleet coming to his Relief, he also drew up his in good Order, and gain'd an intire Victory, *Antiochus* being slain, and fifteen *Athenian* Gallies taken. *Alcibiades* at this News, order'd a Rendezvous of the Ships that remain'd, to be made at *Samas*, and offer'd to renew the Fight; but *Lysander* content with the Victory he had gain'd, would not stir. However this Defeat brought *Alcibiades* into Disgrace at *Athens*; and he, who was just before respected even to Adoration, was now discarded upon a groundless Suspicion, that he had not done his Duty. Certainly if ever Man was ruin'd by his own Glory, it was *Alcibiades*. For his continual Success had begot in the People such an Opinion of him, that they thought it impossible for him to fail in any thing he undertook; and from thence his Enemies took Occasion to question his Integrity, and to impute to him both his own, and others Miscarriages. He being retir'd to a Fort he had built in the *Chersonesus*, ten others were

were appointed in his room to manage the War: *Conon* one of them finding the Fleet at *Samos* in a very ill Condition, made it up seventy Sail, and putting to Sea, made several Descents, and haras'd the Enemies Country.

Callicratidas being sent to succeed *Lyfander*, Olym.93.3 whose Year was expir'd, *I deliver up the Fleet to you*, says the latter, *which by my Victory rides Sovereign of the Seas. I'll allow it you*, says *Callicratidas*, *if you will coast along from Ephesus to the left of Samos, where the Athenian Fleet lies, and resign it at Miletus.* *Lyfander's* Answer was, *That he would not meddle whilst another commanded.* The first Attempt of the new Admiral was against *Methymna* in *Lesbos*, which he took by Storm. He then threaten'd *Conon*, *That he would make him leave *whoring* *Μοιχεύοντα. The Athenians defeated again at Sea. the Sea; and accordingly seeing him stand out to Sea, he pursu'd him into the Port of *Mitylene* with an hundred and seventy Sail, took thirty of his Ships, and besieg'd him in the Town, from which he cut off all Provisions. He soon after took ten more out of twelve, which were coming to his Relief. Then hearing that the *Athenians* had fitted out their whole Strength, consisting of an hundred and fifty Sail, he left fifty of his Ships under *Eteoniscus*, to carry on the Siege of *Mitylene*, and with an hundred and twenty more met the *Athenians* at *Arginusa* over-against *Lesbos*. His Pilot advis'd him to retreat; for that the Enemy was superior in Number. He told him, *That Sparta would be never the worse inhabited, tho' he were slain.* The Fight was long and obstinate, 'till at last *Callicratidas* charging through the Enemy, was sunk, and the rest fled.

fled. The *Peloponnesians* lost about seventy Sail, and the *Athenians* twenty five with most of the Men in them. The *Athenian* Admirals, who had the joint Command of the Fleet, instead of being rewarded for so signal a Victory, were made a barbarous Instance of their Fellow-Citizens Power, and Ingratitude. Upon a Relation of the Fight before the Senate, it was alledg'd, they had suffer'd their Men, who were Shipwreck'd, to be lost, when they might have sav'd them: Upon which they were clapp'd in Irons, in order to answer it to the People. They urg'd in their Defence, *That they were pursuing the Enemy, and at the same time gave Orders about taking up the Men, to those whose Business it was, particularly to Theramenes, who was now their Accuser; but yet that their Orders could not be executed, by reason of a violent Storm, which happen'd at that time.* This seem'd so reasonable, and satisfactory, that several stood up, and offer'd to bail them. But in another Assembly the Popular Incendiaries demanded Justice, and so aw'd the Judges, that *Socrates* was the only Man, who had Courage enough to declare, *He would do nothing contrary to Law, and accordingly refus'd to act.* After a long Debate, eight of the ten were condemn'd, and six of them put to Death, among whom was *Pericles* Son of the Great *Pericles*.

Six of the
Athenian
Admirals
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The *Peloponnesian* Confederates after their last Defeat, plac'd their chief Confidence in *Lyfander*, and sent to solicit his Return to the Command of the Fleet. The *Lacedaemonians*, to gratifie their Allies, and yet observe their Laws, which forbad that Honour being conferr'd

conferr'd twice on the same Person, sent him
 with the Power of Admiral, but with the Ti-
 tle only of Vice-Admiral to *Aracus*. Having
 obtain'd what Supplies of Mony he could from
Cyrus, he refitted the Navy; with which he
 surpris'd several Islands towards *Attica*, and
 sailing from thence to the *Hellepont*, besieg'd
Lampsacus, and took it. In the mean while
 the *Athenian* Fleet consisting of an hundred
 and eighty Sail put in at *Sestos*, and from thence
 sail'd to *Egos-potamos*, where they were just
 opposite to the Enemy, who was still crui-
 sing about *Lampsacus*. The two Navies be-
 ing in sight of one another, *Lyfander* command-
 ed all his Men on board, giving them a strict
 Charge to watch the Signal. The next Morn-
 ing the *Athenians* drew up in a Line directly
 before him, and gave the Challenge, but he
 would not accept it: Upon which they bore
 up to him again the next Day; and thus he
 suffer'd himself to be insulted for four Days
 together. Upon the fifth he dispatch'd some
 light Vessels after them, to give him Notice
 when the Enemy was landed: They according-
 ly hung out a Shield on the Fore-Deck, which
 being the appointed Signal, he took the Land-
 Army on board, and set Sail with all Expedi-
 tion. *Conon* being the first of the *Athenians*,
 who descry'd the Enemy, made what haste
 he could to get his Men on board; but they
 were so dispers'd, that he was forc'd to make
 his Escape to *Cyprus* with only eight Vessels.
Lyfander run in briskly upon the rest, and having
 easily made himself Master of the whole
 Fleet return'd in Triumph to *Lampsacus* with
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*The Athe-
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three thousand Prisoners, who were all put to Death, except *Adimantus* one of the Admirals, who was thought to have betray'd the Fleet to him.

Athens be-
sieged.

Lysander after this spent some time in settling his Conquests by Land; and finding that a good Body of *Athenians* on Shore had thrown themselves into the Garrisons, he commanded them all on pain of Death, to repair to *Athens*: Which he did with a Design to throng the City, so as to reduce it by Famine, if it did not surrender upon his opening the Siege. This was so sudden and fatal a Turn to the *Athenians*, that finding themselves at once depriv'd of all their Shipping, and Provisions, block'd up by Sea and Land, and abandon'd by all their Allies, but *Samos*, they could expect nothing less than what follow'd. But notwithstanding these Difficulties, they resolv'd to stand a Siege, and kept within their Walls, 'till Provisions failing, they were forc'd to send to *Agis* to make Overtures of Peace. He told 'em, *He had no Power to treat with them*, and referr'd 'em to the *Ephori* at *Sparta*; to whom they made Proposals of parting with all Places, but their City, the *Piræus*, and *Long Walls*. The *Ephori* immediately dismiss'd the Ambassadors, telling 'em, *That if they seriously desir'd a Peace, they must come with fairer Proposals*. They had before hinted to 'em, that they expected their *Long Walls* should be demolish'd: But *Arhestratus* was committed for only moving, *That they should conclude a Peace with the Lacedæmonians upon their own Terms*.

Theramenes

Theramenes at last undertook to manage the Treaty with *Lyfander*; and after three Months Stay with him, went again to *Sparta*; where feveral of the Confederates oppos'd a Peace upon any Terms, infifting upon the total Extirpation of the *Athenians*. But the *Lacedæmonians* told 'em, *They would not destroy a City, which had fo eminently refcu'd Greece in the moft critical Juncture*; and consented to a Peace upon thefe Conditions: *That the Long Walls, and Fortifications of the Piræus fhould be demolish'd: That they fhould deliver up all their Ships, but twelve: That they fhould reftore their Exiles: That they fhould make a League Offensive and Defenfive with the Lacedæmonians, and ferve them in all their Expeditions both by Sea and Land.* *Theramenes* being return'd with the Articles to *Athens*, was ask'd, *Why he acted fo contrary to the Intention of Themiftocles, and gave thofe Walls into the Hands of the Lacedæmonians, which he built in Defiance of em?* *I have my Eye*, fays he, *upon Themiftocles his Defign.* *He rais'd thefe Walls for the Prefervation of the City; and I for the very fame Reason would have them destroy'd: For if Walls only fecure a City, Sparta, which has none, is in a very ill Condition.* The *Athenians* at another time would not have thought this a fatisfactory Answer; but being reduc'd to the laft Extremity, it did not admit of a long Debate, whether they fhould accept of the Treaty. Yet as to the bufinefs of the Walls, they wav'd the putting it in Execution as long as they could; 'till at laft *Lyfander* came up the *Piræus*, and demolish'd them with great Solemnity

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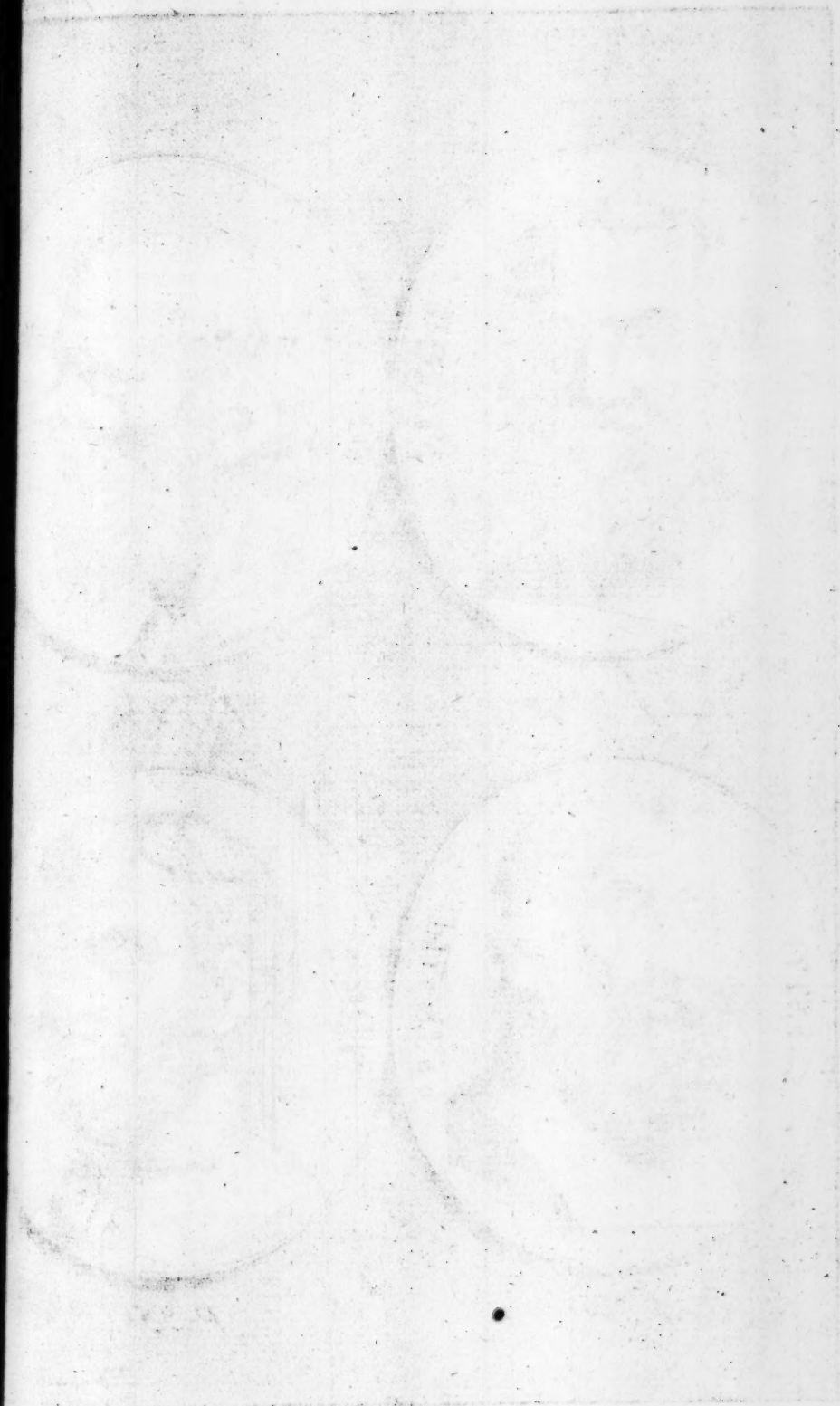
nity of Musick, and other Demonstrations of Joy, as if he seem'd from that Day to date the Liberty of Greece. This concluded the ninety third *Olympiad*, and the three thousand six hundredth Year of the World; and put a final Period to the War, after it continu'd full seven and twenty Years, with great Expence of Blood and Treasure, with a strange Variety of Fortune, and a Spirit of Resolution and Bravery on both Sides, which might have been employ'd to a vast Advantage against a foreign Enemy. Victory seem'd irresolute in the whole Course of the War; the reason of which was, that the *Athenians* being always Masters at Sea, repaid themselves there, what they lost by Land. Neither could the *Peloponnesians* have ever given so successful and sudden a Turn to their Affairs, if they had not prevail'd with the *Persian* to open his Treasury, and supply them liberally, especially after the late Conquests of *Alcibiades*.

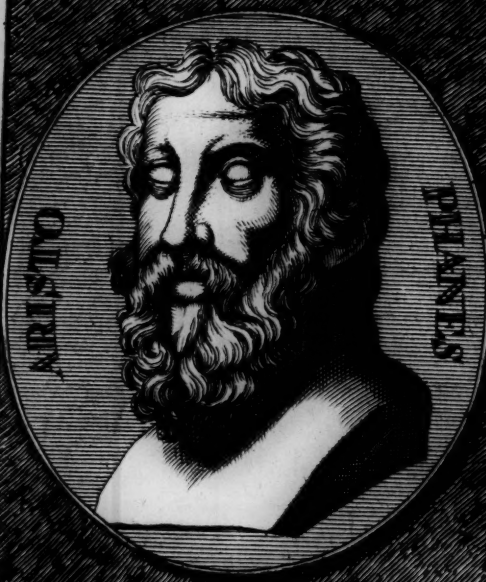
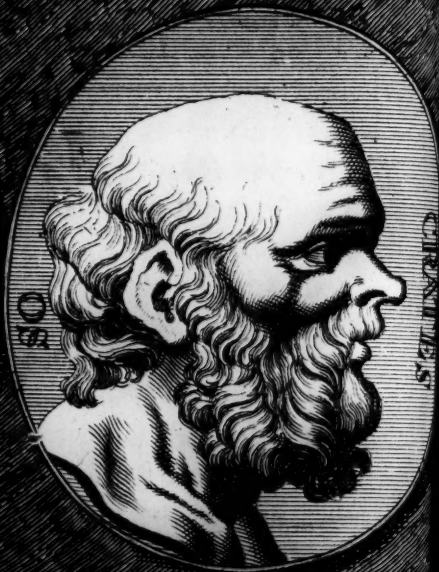
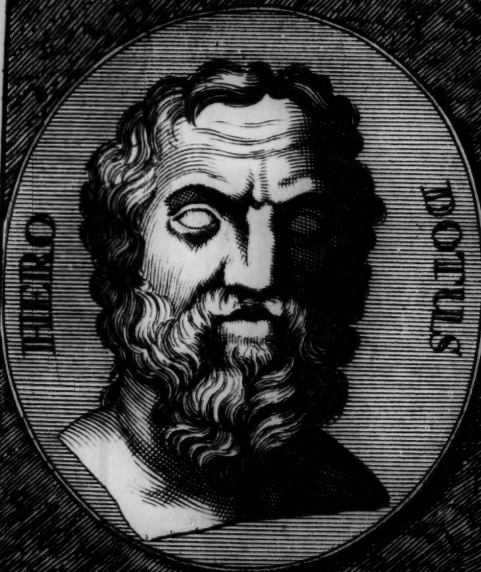
How far this Change affected the City of *Athens*, and what further Influence it had on the other Affairs of Greece, will be the Subject of the next Volume. But we must not conclude this without doing some sort of Justice to the Memory of those, who contributed so largely to the Growth of Letters and Politeness during this War; several of whom bore an honourable Part in it, and were equally industrious to defend their Country with their Sword, and to adorn it with their Pen.

Sophocles. *Sophocles* made such Improvements in the *Tragick* Strain, that he foil'd his Master *Æschylus*
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in the first Piece he presented. They had both of them a lofty *Genius*; but *Sophocles* had a greater Command of it; so that he is not so sublime in his Expression as the other, but more Eloquent, and more Intelligible. He had also a more artful way of touching the Passions, and by an agreeable Mixture of *Terror*, and *Pity*, left more pleasing Impressions on the Audience; from whence it is, that he was firnam'd the *Bee*. He is still more remarkable for his *Conduct*, which appears in his working up, and unravelling his *Plots*, and his interesting the *Chorus* in the *main Action*, so as to make the Play all of a Piece. It is said he dy'd in a Transport of Joy upon the Success of his last Piece. His Rival *Euripides* contented himself *Euripides.* with a lower Strain, and endeavour'd to be more elaborate and correct, more moral, and sententious, and to instruct as well as please: So that what he wants in the Contrivance of his *Fables*, and the Grandeur of the *Buskin*, he makes up in *Nature*, and *Good Sense*. It is much for the Honour of this Poet, that after the last great Defeat of the *Athenians* before *Syracuse*, many of the Prisoners were releas'd, only for repeating some of his Verses. Comedy at the same time was advanc'd by *Phrynicus*, *Aristarchus*, *Cratinus*, and others; but the greatest and boldest *Genius* of this kind, was *Aristophanes*: *Aristophanes.* Who at the same time that he diverted the *Athenians* with his Pleasantry, aw'd them with his Satyr, and attack'd them in their tenderest Part, their Superstition. It must be own'd he often mock'd too grossly, and that he was not Master of that *Fine Raillery*, which is so essential

tial to *Comedy*; but yet he may be esteem'd perfect in his kind, as he writ in the time of the *Old Comedy*, which allow'd a Liberty of representing things on the Stage without any Disguise of Persons, or Names. Whatever Improvements *Comedy* receiv'd after this Licence was restrain'd by the Laws; yet it is certainly

The full from this Period, that we are to date *The full*
Age of Po- *Age of Poetry in Greece.* It is observable, that
etry. no Art made quicker, or firmer Advances than

this. It had indeed for some Ages been made subservient chiefly to the Propagation of Religion, Government, and Philosophy: But Superstition, and Knowledge of all kinds having by degrees gather'd Strength enough, to convey and enforce their Doctrines without the Assistance of Verse, the *Muse* by this means was divested of those severer Ornaments, and appear'd in her more natural Colours, with an Air of Wit, and Gaiety, and Politeness. The *Grecian Muse* was particularly happy in being supported by a Language, that was smooth and musical, and yet full and expressive; and that Variety of *Dialects*, which is generally a Corruption in other Languages, was not the least of its Beauties. This prov'd such a mighty Encouragement, that every one strove to excel; and some by varying their Numbers, and others their Subjects, succeeded so well, as to reduce Poetry to an Art, and by their Writings to fix a Standard in their several kinds to succeeding Ages.

The great *Hero* in Philosophy at this time
 Socrates. was *Socrates*, of whom we shall have occasion to speak more particularly in the Account of his Death,

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Death, which happen'd some Years later.
And here we must not omit the Names of *He-* Herodotus.
rodotus, and *Thucydides*, to whom the Memory *Thucydi-*
of *Greece* it self is in a great Measure owing: des.
The first is consider'd as the *Father*, and
the latter as the more perfect *Master* of Hi-
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